

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB
July 6, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Dave Loiko, Caitrin Ferriter, and Chris LaVertu
TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libby
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield
MLB: Art Schwenger, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf

Jordan reported that their work in FSA 4 has been winding down. They have still to put up a cabinet which has arrived from Westfield. The cabinet will go on top of the vault.

Dave Libby said that there have been delays in the splicing in FSA 3. There will be people in Heath working on splicing for the rest of the week. Joe asked whether they are still aiming for the originally scheduled date of August 14th for completion of the splicing in FSA 3. Dave said yes.

There was continued discussion as to the best way to bring the fiber-optic cable to 239 Colrain Stage Road. There was a consensus to bring the cable to pole #4 and then to the house.

Sheila told Jordan that we have not yet changed the access code for the door to the hub. The instruction book for doing that is burdensome and appears to call for disassembling the lock. Joe suggested we check with David Dvore in Rowe.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:21.

David reported having reached the customer in the third Charlemont edge case. The customer is interested in receiving service from Heath knowing that Heath will pay neither the construction cost for the network nor the amount by which the drop cost exceeds whatever subsidy Charlemont provides. David asked whether the construction quote of \$2,231. for extending the network beyond #'s 7 and 8 on Center Heath Road is firm. Joe replied that it is a firm quote. Joe said that Caitrin or Chris could have the drop figure by the construction meeting on July 13.

Caitrin said that Westfield can do the billing for the third Charlemont edge case which will go to Wired West and appear on the customer's first bill.

Sheila asked about the progress towards getting the municipal network online. Joe said he knows that FDP panels have been installed at the 4 town buildings but he cannot give an update on splicing and testing. He said we will get more news on that before our next meeting. Sheila asked about having an installation at the fairgrounds by August 20th. Joe asked for time to work on it. What would be needed for an ATM? How could broadband be available to vendors on the midway? Joe wondered whether Northeast IT might be engaged. He suggested that WG&E might give us a pipe and Northeast IT might work at distributing it. Joe will get back to us.

Caitrin said that she and Tom Kolek will be at the Fair, perhaps at a booth.

Sheila asked when we might see Chris' report on the walkthrough at Mohawk Estates and a list of cold drops. Chris said that he pulled together names from previous lists. His report will soon be ready.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf