

DRAFT Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB and ITG

February 1, 2022 at 2 pm
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and Dave Loiko

ITG: Dave Libbey, Dave Poplawski

MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf
with MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Joe thanked Dave Libbey for his role in the successful cut-over along Taylor Brook Road last week. He said that files 97 – 206 are in the '216 cut-over' folder. They are looking for 207 and 208. Possibly, a drive was removed before the download had finished.

Joe said he has heard that the interconnect closure at the Heath – Colrain border has been stowed and is secure and in place. Dave Loiko said that Sertex did it. He said the closure was cleaned up nicely and is physically well protected.

Dave spoke of a need for tree trimming. Sheila said that Heath has a contract through Wired West with Asplundh for that. Sites Dave mentioned are on Colrain Stage Road near the interconnect closure and on Taylor Brook Road. Joe encouraged Heath's making use of the contract with Asplundh and possibly getting financial help from MBI. Dave Loiko will provide Sheila with a list of locations needing tree trimming.

Joe asked Dave Poplawski about progress in replacing or repairing MSTs in FSA 4. Joe said that if there will be no charge to Heath. There will be the follow-up cost of testing.

Dave Poplawski said he would get back to Sheila before next Tuesday's 2 o'clock meeting with a value from Chris for the MSTs plus the testing.

Bill asked Joe whether retainage should be held back for 612 8A in case work there is considered a network extension. Joe said that the fiber used was for drop service rather than for extending the network. Bill said that the original plan called for the network coming within 300' of the house. Joe said that plan wasn't part of the original design. This matter is to be discussed in a call with Sheila, Bill, David, and Chris on Thursday February 3.

Joe said that in the coming weeks there will be a decision to stop the 2 o'clock meetings. Sometime in the spring there will be closure. There will be a final retainer piece. He said that

hopefully our research with Chris LaVertu's group will facilitate completing installations in FSA 4.

Dave Poplawski asked whether FSAs 1, 2, and 3 are under Heath's insurance now? Sheila said that we've been waiting on the insurance for the electronics in the hut. She said she would get clarity on the insurance after the call.

Dave said that the retainer is now at \$33,826. We'll see what's left after the MST work.

David asked whether WG&E does Q A prior to the MSTs being fixed?

Joe said that within a few weeks Tom Kolek will review data and do random inspection of closures. He confirmed David's saying that at that point we'll have assurance that other than those MSTs everything is OK.

Art asked for the name of the company doing the undergrounds. Dave Poplawski said it's Advantage, the same company that worked with TriWire. Joe said that Advantage will re-engage as conditions allow with John Moore likely in a supervisory role.

ITG left the meeting at 2:43.

Joe said that in 3 weeks the 2 o'clock meeting will diminish. Sheila asked whether the 1:30 meeting could be extended? That is to be discussed.

Joe asked whether we have heard more from Shawn Weaver? David said that he asked Joe Cebula whether he had an open port on his switch for connecting our generator so that we would not need a new switch. Joe Cebula said yes.

David said NEIT may need to assign an IP address to the generator. Tom Kolek said NEIT should open a port to allow the generator to communicate.

Joe Parda said that by February 22nd NEIT should configure the network for Cebula. He said that 11 towns have signed up for Cebula to administer the card access system.

Sheila said she understands that other towns expecting Cebula installations have been given a matrix for displaying the town's response to particular alarms such as high humidity or high temperature. Heath is interested in information related to that. Joe said that he and Tom will follow up with Joe Cebula.

The meeting adjourned at 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf