

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB and ITG  
February 15, 2022 at 2 pm  
virtual meeting

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

ITG: Dave Libbey

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

Dave Loiko answered Sheila's question about the accessibility of sites mentioned in his FSA inspection sheets by saying that the only inaccessible ones are in FSA 4 on Cascade.

Joe spoke of needed work that Dave indicated for FSA 3. It is work that can be done now. A large coil of fiber needs to be lashed toward the Colrain interconnect.

Joe said that in FSA 4 on Eastbrook there is a new pole installed by National Grid near an old pole. The fiber on the old pole needs to be transferred to the new pole. Dave Loiko has said that Eastbrook is accessible. Sheila and the MLB requested that they proceed with the fiber transfer to the new pole.

Joe suggested we might hold back some retainer for the GIG work in FSA 4 that can't be completed until Spring in addition to the retainer held back for MST work.

Joe recalled at the previous meeting a discussion of missing files of test results that are needed in the folder '216 cut-over'. Dave Libbey said that that situation has been taken care of, and there will not be a need for brief service interruptions for testing.

ITG left the meeting at 2:18.

Sheila said that there are presently 2 drops on Bellor Road: #11 and #23. There are 4 cannabis growers approved by the Planning Board on the #11 property who are requesting broadband service. Joe said that there are 4 extra fibers.

Bill asked about possible splicing back on Sadoga Road where there is a 12 count with 4 dark fibers. Joe said a cabinet could be put out there; for every fiber you'd have 16 taps.

David said that we will want to give the people at 11 Bellor Road an estimate of costs. Joe said it would take them a week or 10 days to get additional information needed before the design.

Sheila asked about when the certificate of substantial completion can be signed. Joe said that having seen Dave Loiko's inspection sheets we need Tom Kolek's OK with Dave Libbey's response. Sheila mentioned the possibility of GIG work that can't be done on Cascade until Spring. She said that if Joe wants to sign the certificate of substantial completion and send it to her, that's OK. She does not feel that we have full insurance coverage today.

Art asked whether in the other towns WG&E has known of an instance where the statement of full insurance coverage is so long in coming? Joe said he has not and encouraged us to give the insurance company a push.

Cebula's installation of the security system at Heath's hut is scheduled to begin the morning of February 21. David Gordon said that Shawn Weaver of Northeast IT has configured the firewall and the VLAN according to Cebula's information. Bill Fontes will make a patch cable of the required length.

David said it does not appear that we have received an update for the card administration fee. It will depend on how many towns are involved.

Sheila said that she has one hut security invoice that is specifically for Heath. She will find out from Hilma whether the Select Board has signed it. She will send Administrative Assistant Lisa Hagar at Cebula an email to determine what other invoice may need to be signed by the Select Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf