

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB and ITG  
March 1, 2022 at 2 pm  
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and Chris LaVertu

ITG: Dave Libbey

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

At 2:30: Project Manager Joe Ostachnowicz, Jamie Cincotta and Brian Sullivan  
both of WG&E, and Rich of the cannabis growers

Chris focused on the 216 count fiber cable issued for the repair work along Taylor Brook Road and asked where is the leftover cable? Dave Libbey said that's a question to ask Dave Poplawski.

Joe said that once we know exactly what's left we can make part of it part of the retainer. Chris said that a spool of 48 count fiber cable was overlooked and needs to be picked up and credited to Heath.

Sheila asked about the Pod that WG&E has been renting and that is still at 18 Jacobs Road. Chris expressed interest in moving the Pod to Mohawk Estates. He said that we can talk with Jenny about an acceptable place and mark that spot.

Bill checked with Joe whether the fiber that is underground feeding the house at 11 Bellor Road has a metal tracer. Joe said that although one can't see a tracer, there is one in the microduct.

Bill said that on February 28<sup>th</sup> he talked with Brian and Jamie at 11 Bellor Road about what is there now and about options. He said that regardless of the plan of the cannabis growers the installing of a split cabinet on pole #5 on Sadoga and a 12 port MST at the pole on Bellor Road seem certain. The split cabinet would be fed by a single fiber. From the split cabinet 5 fibers could be run to the 12 port MST at the pole on Bellor Road. Possibly, a scrap of 30 count fiber from 18 Jacobs Road could be used.

Chris spoke of the high likelihood he sees of the Heath Network's needing another PON card in addition to the 2 PON cards that it now has in the hub. The third PON card would be needed to accommodate expansion at Mohawk Estates and Bellor Road. A PON card costs approximately \$16K.

At 2:30 Joe Ostachnowicz, Rich, Jamie Cincotta, and Brian Sullivan joined the meeting.

Brian said that we need to consider drops and security as they apply to 4 trailers, the house, and the barn. Joe O said there's no reason to include the barn for a drop. The house would need just 1 drop. Each trailer would need at least 1 drop.

Bill said that there is no cellphone coverage.

Joe O said he sees no reason that internet would be needed at the barn, but he will ask whether WiFi is needed in the barn.

Brian asked whether they will want underground or overhead. Joe O asked if overhead were installed, could it be changed? Joe P said yes.

Joe O said that they have submitted applications to National Grid. Each of the 4 farms will need 200 amps. It will be a significant amount of time before 3 phase power is an option.

Joe O said that their survey and site plan will be done by Huntley Associates PC of Northampton. Joe P said that National Grid would work from the Huntley engineering plan.

Joe P said the house could be hooked up at any time. Bill said that Mike Freeman could be present when the house is hooked up. Joe P said if they want undergrounds to the trailers, they can do that. Rich said he's OK with knowing that they are responsible for the trench and conduit and that they will need to plan accordingly.

Joe O said that eventually they will want 4 independent buildings close to and in place of the respective trailers. They will transition to the buildings, and the trailers will be towed to another project.

Joe O said they would like to have Broadband installed by May 1.

Broadband cannot be installed without there being electric power. Joe P said there would need to be an upgrade of the present poles before there could be phase 3. Joe O said that the well pumps can't operate off the electricity at the house.

Sheila advised getting internet as soon as possible at the house and getting an Ooma phone with it. The existing poles can be used for sending internet to the trailers.

David said that there are enough poles but that more fibers will be needed to bring internet to the trailers.

Brian said that in light of wetness the locations of trailers could change. To complete their plan they will need to know where the trailers might be moved to. Sheila said that she will send the concerned parties the 911 Coordinator's information regarding the assignment of addresses. For example, are there 2 on Bellor and 2 on Sadoga or perhaps another arrangement?

Rich asked what's available for internet? Brian said 1 gigabyte and an ONT with copper ports only. Brian asked if they would need a static IP? Rich said that he doesn't know if they'll need one; he's waiting for information back from security systems. Rich said that initially there would be no statics at the house and 3 statics at each building.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf