

Minutes of the WG&E Meeting on Installations with the Heath MLB

April 12, 2022 at 1:30

virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Chris LaVertu, Betsy Loiko

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

Chris received questions from the MLB by email before the meeting. He said that he will be getting the DocuSign for the redundancy project the afternoon of April 12.

Chris said that he has asked John Leary for a list of the top 25 users of Heath's Network.

Chris said that if Dave Poplawski makes it up to the Northern Tier on April 13, he can check on things in Heath. Chris said he would reengage Dave on Mohawk Estate items. The last time up there the roads were not good enough for the bucket truck that is needed for MST work. Sheila asked whether Chris knows when ITG will come back to Heath. Chris said he's been trying to find out and will be heading up to Charlemont on April 13.

Sheila said that she has not received anything from Laura Blascak indicating that WG&E has received Heath's payment for Verizon's licensing fee on pole #5 on Sadoga Road. Sheila said that we are aware that an unintended consequence of heavy equipment work at Bellor Road has been a tangling of wires on a utility pole. She asked who would pay for fixing the wires. Chris said that typically it would be the contractor. David asked how that would be billed. Chris said it would be up to the town. Whip City Fiber can bill a customer account.

Sheila asked Chris about the availability of spare taps for new subscribers. Chris said that although Heath's hut is saturated, it is still possible with existing equipment to get to current subscribers. Knowing of more subscribers at Bellor Road and possibly more at 194 Flagg Hill, Chris said he is trying to avoid the \$15k cost of certain new equipment.

Sheila asked specifically about 19 Wigwam. Chris checked the network design and said that there are spare fibers that would require splicing to create a 2nd location, but first the customer would have to subscribe.

David asked what is the maximum number of customers for each FSA under current configuration? It would be helpful information for our planning. Chris said he'll have those numbers for us by April 19th.

Chris said that he sees 4 installs in the queue are scheduled. The MLB asked Chris about the status of an updated worksheet showing actual install costs promised last week. Chris said he would send it April 12th.

Chris said that WG&E does not receive any amount of money as payment for a drop. It's Wired West that receives that payment. WG&E then bills Wired West. Heath's Stripe account is controlled by Wired West.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf