

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLB
May 17, 2022 at 11
virtual meeting

Present: MLB: Art Schwenger(Chair), Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes,
and Ned Wolf

Absent: MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Art called the meeting to order at 11.

Members read the minutes of the May 10th MLB meeting. Bill moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. David seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Ned mistakenly did not send the minutes for the 1:30 May 10th WG&E installs meeting to David and Bill. There was a consensus to review those minutes at the May 24th MLB meeting.

Sheila said that project closeout documents have been signed by Robyn and sent to the state. At the end of the month Kris will receive a document to be filled out and sent to the state with a copy of the bank statement showing that no state funds have been deposited into an interest bearing account.

Sheila said that the retainer from the state, the drop subsidies, and the extra \$2K have all been received. We are not expecting any more money from the state.

Sheila said that David had responded to the high temperature sensor in the hut. The alarm sounded because the air conditioner wasn't turned on. Bill suggested getting a plastic box costing about \$30 to place over the climate control designed to keep people from touching the control.

The customer at 612 8A needs to be reimbursed \$518.28. Sheila hasn't requested a payment yet from the Accountant. The Accountant will first receive an invoice sent from Sheila and the MLB.

Sheila said that she will hold off also on sending any reimbursement to the customer at 14 Center Heath Road until we get reimbursed by Charlemont.

Sheila said that she has submitted the MLP P.O. Box renewal for payment. She has not sent it to Wired West. There will be 3 or 4 invoices this year that don't go through Wired West.

Sheila said that the MLP Manager Salary Account should have just over \$3K in it after the transfer approved by the voters at the May 7th ATM.

Sheila has attached to a May 16th email to the MLB a finance tracking spreadsheet with updates on these tabs: State Grant, Borrowing, Drop Subsidy, Operations costs, Customer drop fees, Invoices sent to Wired West, and FY22 MLP Manager Salary tracking.

David said that he can attend the Wired West Board Meeting on May 18th at 6:30.

Sheila said that the May 17th generator test was OK.

Sheila and MLB members noted how Northern Tree has done extensive tree trimming around town near the utility lines. Jeff Johnston has said that the Strap Grant money will run out for that work. We do not know whether Asplundh ever came to do tree trimming. Was the list of tree trimming jobs that we sent to Jim Drawe ever finished?

Hut Sensor and Alarm Sounding

Sheila said that the only alarms in the hut are for Fire or Police; everything else is a sensor. For a sensor Cebula contacts one of us. Sheila has a spreadsheet that for each sensor indicates who gets called, and what the critical values are that trigger calling Cebula.

The hut came with sensors. The locking system is separate from those sensors. There are sensors for temperature, humidity, the surge suppressor, and the entry door. The discussion of how to respond to sensors began with a question from Chesterfield. Sheila has adapted Chesterfield's matrix.

Art said that following the recent high temperature sensor he received a related phone call identified on his caller ID merely by an 800 number which he almost ignored thinking it was spam. He suggested that we seek help from Joe Parda who conceptually had pressed for there being electronic warnings from the hut for a variety of situations.

David offered to add to what Sheila has begun by way of information on responding to hut sensors.

Not everyone at the May 7th ATM could get on the internet. Hilma seems to have been most able among those at 18 Jacobs Road to get on the internet. Have the 2 routers installed by

Whip City Fiber been turned off? We need to go to Northeast IT to ask that they turn off those routers if they are not already off.

Questions for the Meeting at 1:30

We will ask at the 1:30 meeting about the status of WG&E's deliverables for the redundancy project. David said that except for David Dvore and himself there appears not to be much effort among the Northern Ring towns to move things along.

We will also ask at 1:30 about the status of ITG work on a construction punch list. In addition we need clarity on the status of these installations yet to be done: 11 in FSA 1, 7 in FSA 2, and 14 in FSA 3.

Finally, we will ask who at WG&E is responsible for getting ITG to finish the construction work.

Broadband and the Fair

Members discussed a possible broadband presence at the Heath Fair. Sheila said that people want to know how to make calls with their cellphones over WiFi. Bill asked whether he could invite his neighbor Jansen McNay to speak at the Fair with the assurance of 2 weekend passes for him and Carie? The free passes sound doable. Anne told of how much she appreciated the IT assistance of Wellsley College students. One-on-one coaching is great although the Senior Center may be a better site. David suggested that any talk offered in the speaker's tent at the Fair be focused and time limited. Bill suggested limiting it to 'How do I connect my phone to WiFi?' We can talk with Eric and find out what time slots in the speaker's tent are available.

David said that it's the Fair's responsibility to figure out what IT offering they want. Bill said he favored setting up a guest network so as not to interfere with the vendors. Sheila noted that the Fair has been paying as a small business since last August.

Bellor Road Cannabis Growers

Bill said that he had received contact information for the 3 other farmers. He said he will send to each of them the cost estimates that Chris sent us for installations both overhead and underground. After some discussion Bill said he would inform each farmer that Joe Ostachnowicz asked to be included in the correspondence and request that the message be forwarded to Joe at the recipient's discretion.

Bill moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:13. Anne seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf