

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting

November 1, 2022 at 11

Virtual meeting

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

Art called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Members read the minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup> MLB meeting. Anne moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. David seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Members read the minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup> WG&E installs meeting. Anne moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MLP Manager's Report

Sheila said that she continues to sort the broadband electronic files with a view towards moving all files to 'cloud storage'. Paper file sorting will be a new task. All Heath Broadband email should now go to [HeathBroadband@gmail.com](mailto:HeathBroadband@gmail.com).

She said that Robyn has signed SERV-14. To facilitate the delivery of documents to the Town mail boxes when the main office door is locked Sheila has requested that there be a Town mail drop box either outside the building at 18 Jacobs Road or inside beside the main office door that can be accessed when the library or other offices are open.

Hilma and Jeff have worked on possible sites to which spools of cable now at 18 Jacobs Road could be moved. Sheila will tell Jeff that the spools need to be stored in a place that gets plowed. We will ask Chris at 1:30 for his recommendations for storing cable.

David asked whether Heath's stored cable would first have to be tested if it were needed following a storm 5 to 7 years from now? It's a question for the 1:30 meeting.

There was agreement on the need to check Heath's contract with Wired West as it relates to a situation where many drop wires in Heath are down. Would the MLB have to cover replacing the drop wire?

The POD is supposed to be moved the week of October 31<sup>st</sup> .

Sheila reported that there is just one installation scheduled for the week of October 31<sup>st</sup>. She has sent Betsy the letter to be sent out to Heath customers who have yet to get installations.

There was a consensus to have the WCF newsletter go to Heath customers with the understanding that we could reconsider if a problem were to arise.

Sheila said a customer is asking if the MLP would offer a subsidy toward installation after the September 15<sup>th</sup> , 2021 deadline. The customer had been informed of the deadline previously and decided to not get service. There was agreement to stick with our policy that missing the well-announced deadline means there is no subsidy.

Sheila said that the list of possible terminations that WCF has sent her is very similar to previous lists. Still, she wants to continue to see the lists as has been advised at the Wired West meetings.

#### Wired West Meeting November 2

Members discussed the 2 year master agreement between Wired West and WG&E that will be voted on at the Wired West meeting on November 2. No one gave a reason to oppose signing the agreement.

**Action Taken**     *David moved to support our Wired West representative's signing the master agreement between WG&E and Wired West. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

#### Transferring \$100K to the Town

The MLP has sent the Town a letter saying we want to transfer \$100K and have it go to stabilization. Sheila will ask for the status of the \$100K. Where is it? Has the Accountant provided guidance as to whether it can go automatically to stabilization?

#### Questions for the 1:30 meeting with WG&E

For how long can leftover cable on spools be considered useable?

Has Chris reviewed the billing at the cannabis farm?

In WCF's town by town inspection of broadband huts, has Heath's hut been inspected?

Anne moved that we adjourn at 12:13. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf