

Minutes of the WG&E Meeting on Installations with the Heath MLB
January 24, 2022 at 1:30
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Chris LaVertu, Brian Sullivan, and Betsy Loiko
MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf with
MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Chris called the meeting to order at 1:42.

H referred to the list of questions that Sheila had sent him, Brian, and Betsy before the meeting.

He said that the draft of the muni-network protocol is straight and to the point. He will share it with tech support. He said that Northeast IT just needs the account number they're calling in against. He said he would get that number so it can be included with the protocol.

Bill asked how they had done the billing last summer when Heath had a muni-network problem. Chris said that it was a direct ticket with tech support done against the hub account not the muni-network account.

Bill suggested that using jumper cables might lessen the work in the hub. Chris said that both ONTs are plugged into their firewall. Bill said in that case the jumpers wouldn't be needed.

Chris said that Rich Carnall is making a list of the CAF II houses in Heath that are not installed.

Brian said he will check with some legislators as to whether M.G.L. CH 44, Section 53A would apply to CAF II money and thereby make it exempt from having to go through free cash certification.

Chris said that by the end of the week of January 24 Brian Hinds will send them an estimate for the cost of a new portal at Heath's hub to connect with future installations.

Brian said that he does not expect WCF will present its tree trimming plan for the towns at the January 25th meeting of MLP Managers. He said that WCF needs a firm package and to be able to hit the dates planned for Asplundh to appear in the towns. Chris said that their current contract with Asplundh applies locally. They've realized that to serve the towns they have to partner with Asplundh regionally, and that will require changes in their contract.

Brian said that he has sent to Laura Dorman and Lisa Stowe our question about sending the WCF newsletter to Heath customers.

There was an agreement that WCF will meet with Sheila and the Heath MLB at 1:30 the last Tuesday of every month starting with February. Brian will send us a new Invite.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf