

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting

March 4, 2025 @11

Virtual

Present: Art Schwenger (Chair), Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Ned Wolf, and
MLP Manager Bailey Cole

Absent: Bill Fontes

Art called the meeting to order at 11.

David moved that we approve with edits the minutes of the January 7th MLB Meeting. Anne seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Members read the minutes of the February 4th MLB Meeting. David moved that we approve the minutes with edits. Anne seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MLP Manager's Report

Bailey said there have been alarm issues at the hub. For five days we lost remote cam and key card access. An inverter fault on the UPS that powers the router that the alarm system communicates through caused the problems.

Whip City Fiber(WCF) will come out on March 6th to test the UPD and offer tutoring. WCF has replaced the trip light battery. The bill for \$1300. has been sent to Jim Drawe.

The HVAC system looks good. Pomeroy has replaced the external filter. They will return on March 5th to check things inside the hut.

David reminded us that while there are WCF people who are authorized to visit the hut, one of us needs to be present for the visits by people servicing the generator or the HVAC system.

Bailey said that on March 3rd Cebula tested everything except the alarm.

David recommended we keep a log of visits to the hut recording who is there, why, and what they did. We can begin when WCF visits on March 6th.

Jon Gould, the District Director in Paul Mark's office, has expressed interest in meeting Bailey during a phone call at 1 pm on March 4th.

Cost of Transferring Broadband Wires

The cost to have broadband wires transferred when National Grid replaces poles is paid for by WiredWest.

WiredWest, through its lawyer, has submitted comments to the DPU requesting a regulation that pole owners pay for transfers if a replacement happens for the convenience of the pole owner.

David suggested that the MLB should not express an opinion on the question of whether the 3-phase power is needed in the town.

Invoice from WCF

Hilma has asked about an invoice from WCF saying that we don't owe anything but that we have a massive credit built up. David said that we do not need a credit payment and suggested that Bailey forward the invoice to Jim Drawe. We need to ask WCF, "What is our credit?"

Meeting of MLP Managers

Bailey said that on March 20th at 10 AM in Northampton there will be a meeting of MLP managers. Word of the meeting came from the FRCOG. It could be useful to Heath to see what the FRCOG is doing to get money from the state. Art and David recommended that Bailey attend the meeting.

An important question is "How can we be sure the propane tank by the hut is being filled?" Bailey volunteered to visit the tank and check. Members encouraged him to ask Hilma how we can tell it's been filled.

Bailey said he has no key card to the hut. David said that John McDonough and Tim Lively never got their key cards. They say they don't need them. It seems appropriate to have a conversation with each.

Annual Report

Action Taken *Anne moved that we accept the Annual Report with edits pending no problems. David seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

There was a consensus that if the Select Board in FY26 Budget deliberations has questions about broadband projected cash flow, we can have a meeting.

It is reasonable to expect that Bailey will need extra hours. We will reconsider his hours after 90 days.

David has not yet requested reimbursement for Zoom.

The MLB asks that Bailey please run any invoice past the MLB before paying it.

Anne said that Pat McGahan may no longer be the primary person who makes changes to the Town website. Any concerns we have about the website should first be sent to Anne.

Dates of next MLB meetings:

April 1st at 11

May 6 at 11

June 3 at 11

Anne moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf