

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting
January 15, 2026 at 10 am
Virtual meeting

Present: Art Schwenger (MLB Chair), David Gordon, Dave Peterson, Ned Wolf,
and MLP Manager Bailey Cole

Absent: Anne Emmet

Art called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Members read the minutes of the December 4th MLB meeting. Art moved that the minutes be approved with edits. David seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MLP Manager's Report

Bailey said that Kinsley is coming this week for generator maintenance.

There have been some warning messages from our security system for the hut. WCF has said that there have been false alarms in all the other towns using our security system.

Bailey has met with Bob Handsaker to talk about the 3 Phase (electric) Project. Bob spoke of the premature transfer of fiber lines to a recently readied pole in Charlemont and of Charlemont's possibly losing money as a result.

Bailey and the MLB agreed on wanting a discussion among WCF, National Grid, and the MLB. David Gordon suggested that WCF hold off on having fiber lines transferred until National Grid is actually coming up Avery Brook Road with the 3 Phase Project.

Art advised that Bailey make a written version of his communication with WCF.

Art said that he will call Robyn about getting clarity regarding the possible financial impact on Heath of having the fiber lines transferred to the new poles.

Bailey reported 4 terminations, 2 repeats.

He has done the annual \$3,000 pole bond renewals for Verizon and National Grid and will forward them to WiredWest.

He called attention to the email from Hilma and Heath's new Town Coordinator, Mia Francesconi inviting us and the Finance Committee to join the Select Board meeting on January 27. He and Mia have talked of broadband with Hilma present.

Bailey and David Gordon will review the Cash Flow projection before January 27.

David Gordon recommended that we be prepared to give a summary of what is going on at WiredWest. WiredWest is involved in looking at better insurance coverage.

We should remind the Select Board and the Finance Committee that the repair costs from storm damage and the costs from pole transfers are shared by WiredWest towns. The disadvantage is that those costs mean reduced shared revenue at the end of the year.

WiredWest is working on defining their administrative functions.

CAF II Disbursement

January 23 is the date of the CAF II disbursement. David Gordon advised Bailey to remind the Select Board that the money is coming. Bailey said he will send the first draft of his letter to the MLB.

We should be clear that CAF II disbursements are entirely separate from the Fund Balance sheet because they go directly to the town.

Broadband Fund Balance Sheet 12/31/25

Bailey said that calculations are based on the Accountant's November report.

The \$5,204.83, which is labeled 'Unknown expense Oct. 1, 2025', is an adjustment on an account for a prior year.

The MLB approved on 11/6/25 2 transfers to the Depreciation Reserve fund each of \$35,743, one for FY2025 and the other for FY2026. They have yet to be booked by the Accountant.

The total funds projected to be available from Unreserved Balance in FY 2026 is \$66,312.16.

The MLB discussed how much to transfer from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the town.

Action Taken *David Gordon moved that we appropriate and transfer \$60,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the town. Dave Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

David Gordon will send to Bailey the letter last sent by the MLP Manager to the Select Board to inform the Board of a transfer of funds to the town. Ned will send Bailey a copy of the motion approved by the MLB at the January 15 meeting.

Bailey will draft a letter to send to Art before it is sent to the Select Board.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf