

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting  
February 12, 2026 at 10 am  
18 Jacobs Road

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

Art called the meeting to order at 10.

Members read the minutes of the January 15 MLB meeting. Anne moved that the minutes be approved with edits. David Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Members read the minutes of the January 27 MLB meeting. Dave Peterson moved that the minutes be approved with edits. David Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MLP Manager's Report

Bailey said that Hackworth has all our documents including our tax exempt form.

He said that we may need to purchase a router to connect with the internet.

David Gordon said it's worth getting a quote from WCF for a router, but it may be necessary to get a Drop which would incur a regular cost.

It might be worth contacting NEIT because they could hook up to the internet and have it available for their access.

Dave Peterson offered to donate a Google mesh router that he will leave at Art's house. If it works at home, it should work at the hut.

Bailey has requested the bank statement of the Treasurer. There's been an acknowledgement from David Fierro of the Town's receipt of \$60K from the MLB. We are awaiting confirmation of that when we receive the latest and greatest report.

The latest and greatest report shows that the payment to the Depreciation Reserve account did happen. It does not yet appear in the right account.

Wired West Meeting on February 11

Bailey said that there is continuing discussion as to whether pole transfers are a maintenance or a capital expense. If it's a capital expense, it's the obligation of the particular town whereas a maintenance expense is shared by the member towns.

After the discussion the conclusion was that pole transfers are a maintenance expense if the transfers are not due to an extension of the network.

We recommend that the Select Board send a letter to National Grid asking that they please clarify the responsibility for covering the expense of pole transfers in the Phase 3 electric project.

### Making an MLB Calendar

Dave Peterson has produced a calendar for activities and tasks throughout the year. The thought is that at the end of each month we review the actions needed. It's a process document. There was a consensus that it would be good for Bailey to manage the calendar.

Art suggested that if someone wants to add something or make a change in the calendar it should be sent to Bailey so that it can be brought up at the next meeting. Bailey can make changes in the calendar that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Thanks to Dave for creating this calendar.

### CAF II

David Gordon asked whether we have received confirmation that the Town has received its CAF II distribution for 2026. Bailey said he alerted Mia to the expected coming of a CAF II check. He will check with Mia as to whether we have received the check and if not, he will get back to Andrew Short of WCF.

### MLB Annual Report 2025

The MLB requested that Bailey prepare the report. He will circulate a draft for members comments in time to send Mia the report by March 2.

### Adjusting Broadband Rates

Art said he will put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

He said we should discuss data storage.

A price comparison sheet and a sheet that Dave Peterson has been working on and has sent us on March 12 as 'Heath MLP Price Bench marking' can be part of the discussion.

### Election for MLB Members

David Gordon said he will seek re-election to the MLB.

Anne said she will not seek re-election to the MLB. She said she will review the webpage before stepping down.

**Dates of Next Meetings**

**Thursday, March 12 at 10 AM**

**Thursday, April 9 at 10 AM**

Anne moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:22 AM. David Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf