

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting  
March 12, 2026 at 10 am  
Virtual meeting

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 February 12 MLB meeting. Anne moved that the minutes be approved with edits. Dave Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MLP Manager's Report

Hackworth installed its security system on March 11. Bailey said that he has contacted Alarm Central and Cebula to confirm our cancelling our subscription.

Bailey has an access card to the hut. Access cards will be made available to Art, the police chief, and the fire chief.

Hackworth could hook up to the internet without our buying a router.

Bailey has set up a WiFi service in the hut. He will put a label with user information on the router in the hut.

In the event that the security system registers an alarm, a hierarchy of people including Bailey and Art will be notified. The people on the list will be notified of an alarm by text message and phone call. David Gordon asked to be added at the bottom of the list.

The MLB asked Bailey to create an access card holder log. We should have a central, accessible place for information on security matters.

Bailey has access to the security cameras. He said that the keypad inside the hut has just 9 buttons. He will post in the hut instructions on how to disarm the system. He will send the instructions to all those who have access cards.

Bailey reached out to WCF regarding trees on Taylor Brook Rd. leaning against the broadband line. WCF made arrangements with Asplundh who took care of the trees. The invoice is going to Wired West.

Calendar

The calendar should be marked for an annual review of information about security.

It should also be marked for the April 18 Community Resource Fair at 18 Jacobs Rd. Bailey says he wants to be there. Neither David Gordon nor Dave Peterson can be there.

Suggestions for the MLB table are information on home UPS devices, an Ooma device on display, and refrigerator magnets. In addition we can bring copies of a risk benefit analysis of Wired West benefits.

### Rideouts

Most Wired West towns want a rideout done by Whip City Fiber (WCF) scheduled for this spring.

Members discussed 1 rideout taking 2 days (16 hours) plus a hut check. This proposal would cost less than \$5K. There was a consensus to approve Bailey's signing a contract for a rideout by WCF taking 2 days plus a hut check.

### UPS Battery

Bailey sent a photo of the battery to WCF. WCF sent someone out. We were charged for 2 hours, \$468. When the invoice comes, Bailey will send it to Wired West.

Not all equipment is the responsibility of WCF. We have a town owned firewall. Bailey reached out to NEIT.

### Subscriber Payments

Bailey reported 4 terminations. These people had missed more than 1 monthly payment.

### Potential Costs Related to 3 Phase Electric Project

We might have to pay for extra drops. We do not yet know how many are affected by National Grid's 3-phase electric project.

We have never received an estimate for all the pole transfers. It will be bigger than the cost of the drops.

Bailey will be attending a meeting at 18 Jacobs Rd. at 2 pm on March 13. Other attendees will include Robyn, Chair of the Heath Select Board, and at least one representative of National Grid.

### Bank Account for the Depreciation Reserve

It takes time once the MLB votes to put money in the Depreciation Reserve for that money to be put into a bank account.

Dave Peterson has noted that the Depreciation Reserve funds that are in a bank account earn 0.5% interest. If those funds were in another bank account, they might earn as much as 2.5% interest.

David Gordon asked Bailey on behalf of the MLB to ask Kent Lew of Wired West whether it is legal to seek another bank for Depreciation Reserve funds.

At Dave Peterson's suggestion Bailey will ask Kent Lew of Washington and Doug McNally of Windsor to put the question on the agenda of the next Wired West Board meeting.

#### Anticipating Revenue and Reviewing Fees

Interest earned by the Depreciation Reserve has to stay in that account.

Wired West makes a determination of the distributions to the member towns in July after the close of the fiscal year.

In preparation for our April 9 meeting David Gordon will resend the Cash Flow sheet to help in our discussion of how we're going forward financially. Do we want to raise our fees?

Dave Peterson will send information about what other towns are doing.

#### Changes to the Wired West Webpage

Anne has a few changes she recommends to the Wired West webpage. The MLB suggests she send them to Bailey who will determine whom to contact at Wired West.

#### Annual Report of the Heath MLP

The MLB has no issues with the Annual Report that Art has sent to the Town Coordinator.

Anne moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:24 pm. David Gordon seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf

