

# Town of Heath

## Meeting minutes

### Heath Municipal Light Plant Advisory Committee

Date/time: 4/23/19 at 9:00 am

Location: Sawyer Hall

Called to order at 9:07 AM

Approval of minutes from previous meetings from 4/2/19; 4/9/19 previously sent by email to members was deferred to enable time to prepare for conference calls today.

Conference call with Debbie Wagner (DOR) and Bill Ennen. The make ready invoicing in Heath was predicted to be \$570,000; current running total is around \$950,000. Town has about \$400,000 of state grant funds on hand. Committee will inform Kara and Kris to take steps to bring town borrowing on-line and pay as many of the Verizon invoices as possible.

Confirmed that WGE has reviewed invoices before the town pays.

Bill Ennen will initiate the process to bring additional state dollars from Last Mile Contingency Fund to Heath (as done for Shutesbury, New Salem and Wendell). No firm estimate at present as to what the total make-ready cost will be. Heath has received less than ½ of the NGrid invoices, but seems to have all of the VZ invoices. Bill's guess is that total MR for Heath will be in the zone of \$1.5M which is based upon the number of pole sets (236).

Follow-up message: pay VZ invoices and initiate borrowing; keep project moving forward.

CAF II award anticipated sometime in CY 2021; \$ will flow to Town escrowed by WG&E for redistribution.

Town could have operating expenses and receive subscriptions for services from customers before 7/1/20, therefore we need to determine our accounting methodology for FY21 before April 2020 to be included in FY21 budget possibly.

Next meeting: 10:15 AM 4/30/19 Hut siting w/ Bob Bourke and WGE; not a posted MLPAC meeting; 5/7/19 at 9:30 am is next Heath MLPAC meeting.

Adjourned at 12:00 PM