Minutes of the Heath MLPAC Conference Call with WG&E

June 5, 2020

Time:  2:00 pm

Present:  Art Schwenger, Ned Wolf, Sheila Litchfield, Jan Carr, Bob Bourke, and from WG&E Joe Parda, Rich Carroll, Chris LaVertu, and Tom Kolek

Joe spoke of equipment racks having been installed in the hut.

Art asked about costs for Dig Safe.  Heath and Goshen need to have Dig Safe added. Its costs are not now included in the $80 - $98 for PPR.

Art asked for clarification about the strand, the lashing of the distribution cable to the strand, and the placement of the MST’s.  He asked whether the completion dates for the FSA’s that appear on the construction schedule are completion dates for the drops. The answer was no.  Joe said that the Nov. 2 completion date for FSA 2 is the date of completion to the curb. That is followed by OPM network certification and by the construction of the drops which would take about 30 to 60 days for each FSA.

Art asked when the Town has to supply insurance. Joe said that as soon as an FSA has active traffic it’s viewed as complete. He said that Builders Risk Insurance usually carries throughout the build. Joe said that he would check with TriWire about insurance.

Art noted that the 2 Town buildings the Community Hall and Sawyer Hall, which are a short distance apart, are in FSA 2 and FSA 3. It would be helpful in marketing if those buildings could be connected to the network at the same time. Joe said he thought that could be done.

Joe said that things are progressing well in Make-Ready remediation.  MBI and National Grid are done. Verizon is 67% done. Joe may have more news next Thursday on a possible date for the pre-construction meeting.

Sheila asked about the 3 surveys of properties not in the original design. Tom Kolek said that on May 15 the designs came back and were uploaded to the Town Folder. Rich said that in a week or 2 they should have the costs. The properties which are off the grid would require either costly overhead or costly underground work.

Sheila said that we can include the costs for the pole near the hut in our application for additional state funds. Joe said that WG&E can help Heath in determining those costs.

Jan asked whether the revised PDU report that she sent has been merged with the data WG&E already has. Rich said he would look at what Jan sent on April 17.

Bob said that he has passed on to the Highway Department Joe’s suggestion that the hole where the conduit comes up to the hut be filled with concrete. Joe advised using fabric block and weed block around the hut. Bob will mention those to the Highway Department as well as the possible use of a metal grate near the hut entrance for people to scrape mud off their footwear before stepping into the hut.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.  

Respectfully submitted,   Ned Wolf