

Minutes of the Heath MLPAC Meeting
October 6, 2020

Present: Art Schwenger, Sheila Litchfield, Jan Carr, Margo Newton, and Ned Wolf

Art called the meeting to order at 11:02 pm. Members read the minutes of September 29. Margo made a motion to approve the minutes with emendations. Sheila seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Members read the minutes of September 25. Sheila made a motion to approve the minutes with emendations. Jan seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 ayes and one abstain by Margo who was absent from that meeting.

Ned could not join the Zoom meeting on September 22. Sheila asked members who were at the meeting to send her their notes so that she can write the minutes.

Sheila reported receiving an invoice for police detail.

Sept. 28, Oct. 1, Oct. 2 \$1200 for 3 8hr days @ \$50. /hr

The invoice appears to be from one officer. There was no mention of a rolling detail, or a detail on September 29. Jan asked that we be given more information such as where the detail was and who was the officer. The committee decided to reach out to the Select Board with various concerns about police detail before approving the invoice.

The postcards have been mailed as part of launching the sign-up campaign. Other campaign actions include additions to the Town website done by Sheila and ordering of lawn signs by Jan. Lawn signs were due to arrive at Jan's later in the day. Art will pick them up and help place them around town.

Rich asked in an email whether we intend to give a drop credit for a cold drop. Sheila provided a response that we do, and provided Rich applicable statements in the Drop Policy.

The committee discussed customer requests. Brooks McCutchen, whose estimated drop cost is close to \$4800, requested whether the fiber optic cable could be snaked through a 1" buried metal pipe that is 450' in length and contains the electric wire to his house. The answer is that the fiber optic cable could go into a 2" pipe with a phone line but not an electric line.

Ken Rocke plans to have his electric line rerouted through the foundation and wonders about coordinating that with bringing the broadband cable into his house. Joe Parda recommended a 2" conduit for the fiber optic cable which could share a trench with the electric line but not a conduit. There would have to be 2 holes in the foundation wall for the 2 conduits.

Rich Carnall emailed some thoughts on how to connect the 3 homes that were not included in the original design. Rich said it was impractical to use rolled conduit material. Rich recommended 2" PVC with gentle elbows buried in a 12" trench with pull boxes every 250'. The pull boxes could be bought at Home Depot for \$260. each. Pedestals would also be needed @ \$1,975 each. TriWire could blow or pull the cable through a 2" conduit for a certain amount per foot.

The committee also received an email message from Steve Ryack on Number Nine Road about specifications for the trench; our reply is ,that their work will have to meet TriWire's criteria. The WG&E criteria will be sent and available to any customer as needed. The customer is advised to contact Dig Safe 72 hours before digging.

Jan wants to ask WG&E at the 2 o'clock meeting how we find out who has signed up. Sheila sent an email to Joe asking whether microduct could be used in place of PVC. Art will want to confirm with WG&E that there can be 2 lines and 2 phone numbers on one VOIP.

More generally, Sheila will ask WG&E about how to ask operational questions that have nothing to do with TriWire. John Henry has asked "Can I get my cell service through the fiber optic cable?" Sheila said that without the availability of cell service an Iphone will go through the internet but Android phones don't have this capability. Art said that the cellphone uses WiFi and that one's cellphone can benefit from there being a router fed by a fiber optic cable. Art said that we need information on how the Ooma phone works. Jan asked whether WG&E can send us the emails they will be sending to customers in with Ooma phone information.

At 1:25 pm Margo made a motion seconded by Jan to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf

