

Minutes of the Heath MLPAC Meeting
January 12, 2021 at 11 am

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

Art called the meeting to order at 11:07. Members read the minutes of the 11 am meeting on January 5. Jan made a motion to approve the minutes with emendations. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Members read the minutes of the 1 pm meeting on January 5 with Bill Ennen. Jan made a motion to approve the minutes with emendations. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes. Members read the minutes of the 2 pm meeting on January 5 with WG&E and TriWire. Jan made a motion to approve the minutes with emendations. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

The next Wired West meeting will be on January 20 at 6:30 pm. Members asked whether premium routers or WiFi extenders might be available in bulk through Wired West.

Sheila showed how broadband information for Heath residents can be accessed using a link on the Town website. The information includes the revised Drop Policy, Berkshire Bank's services, and changing to a 'forever email address'. She found that the 'Heath Herald' has a Facebook page, and she has put broadband information there.

Sheila exchanged emails with Mary Sumner about getting 325 copies made of the 'Sign up Now' letter. Art made plans with Margo to get the letter folded and delivered to Nancy Thane for inclusion in the census form mailing from the Town Clerk.

Members expressed interest in inviting David Dvore to join us and take questions about the rollout in Rowe. Sheila said she would reach out to David and find out his availability.

Sheila has been in touch with Mary about invoices. There has not yet been an updating of the list of schoolchildren who could be involved in remote learning. Sheila thinks at this time our list includes fewer than half the actual number.

Sheila and Art will work on a letter to the Planning Board about the proposed "Hawley pole" installation that says we do not want to endanger losing our customers. A letter has come from Sean O'Neil with his ideas about how some residents might receive high speed internet. Sheila will draft a response.

Jan said that she has sent Sheila the CRM showing all sign-ups for FSA's 1, 2, and 3. Sheila has added columns for \$59., \$75., phone, total number of drops, and potential income. She asked how often updated income calculations based on the CRM are needed. Jan will wait 2 weeks before sending Sheila an updated CRM. Art said that at some point we have to divide up the list of those who haven't signed up so that committee members, the MLB, and volunteers can make phone calls. We will wait and see the response to the mass mailing.

Jan made a motion to adjourn at 12:43. Margo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf