

Minutes of the Heath MLPAC Meeting with WG&E and TriWire
January 26, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC : Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Margo Newton, and Ned Wolf;
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield
WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Dave Loiko, Rich Carnall, Laura Dorman, and
Teah Dempsey
TriWire: Jordan Hawes, and Dave Libbey

Jordan reported that a crew was doing MST installations on Burrington Road today. He said that he had been mistaken in reporting last week that a pole on the shoulder of Taylor Brook Road would be one of the replacement poles for 19 or 20. Neither pole has yet been replaced. Joe said that they are all pushing hard on those Taylor Brook poles to be followed by MBI.

Jordan said that the design presently calls for an MST at the end of Flagg Hill Road in the woods in FSA 3. He would like to move the MST to a pole on the road.

Jordan said that tomorrow National Grid will be replacing a pole in the woods between a pole on Branch Hill Road and the house #2 Branch Hill Road.

Joe said to Dave Loiko that an inspection is needed of the 4" steel conduit at 18 Jacobs Road. There is also a PVC conduit, but TriWire cannot use that one. The steel conduit penetrates the wall of the school. Jordan will meet with Tim about doing the inspection.

Dave Libbey said that having finished splicing in FSA 2 they've begun testing. They're not testing today but are awaiting the testing results from previous days. FSA 2 is on target for a February 9 release. He said that they've made good progress splicing in FSA 1.

Jordan asked Sheila about snow removal near the end of Town Farm Road where a TriWire crew will want to work tomorrow. Sheila assured him that the Heath Highway Department does plow that road. Jordan said that depending on the snow conditions and TriWire's work schedule he would reach out to Sheila. Jordan and Dave Libbey left the meeting at 2:38.

Laura Dorman spoke of her intention to send an email with helpful information to subscribers in FSA 2. Sheila suggested that Laura wait until mid-February when the number of subscribers has increased before sending the email.

Sheila provided Laura with the address of a resident on Royer Road who wants broadband and whose address has not been in the CRM. Joe and Tom checked the design and satellite photos of the Royer Road location where they have purposed 2 fiber services, one to the barn and one to a nearby site. Sheila said that we will check on whether power is available and will inform WG&E. Joe said that they will do another site survey.

Sheila asked whether 15 Swamp Road is in FSA 3 or FSA 4. Joe said that they would put it in FSA 3. Joe responded to Sheila's question about the total drop count by saying that for FSA 4 it's equal to the total number of fibers on the cut sheet which is approximately 214. Laura said that the drop count for FSA 4 is 211.

Rich responded to Sheila's question about the billing for drops. He said that an installation billing goes to the Town whether it's for a \$637 basic drop or a \$5000 drop at the end of a long driveway. He said that in Wired West they bill the customer who has a \$5000 drop with a \$3000 credit \$2000 separately and try to get the money before the installation.

Art asked about the possible additional cost for MUNI broadband in Heath Center. Joe said that an MST in the original design gets replaced by a component called an FTP which can accommodate extra wires. An FTP costs somewhat more than an MST.

Sheila expressed Heath's gratitude to Rich for his help as Heath's contact person with WG&E. We look forward to working with Catrine Ferriter and her assistant Teah Dempsey. Rich said that he would not be far away. Teah provided Sheila and the MLPAC with her telephone numbers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf