

Minutes of the Heath MLPAC Meeting with WG&E and TriWire
February 9, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Margo Newton, and Ned Wolf;
WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Caitrin Ferriter, and Teah Dempsey;
TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Poplawski, and Dave Libbey

Joe said that the project is well ahead of the splice schedule in FSA 1. Jordan said that they've done unidirectionals as part of the testing for FSA 2. Joe asked whether February 20 is still the date by which the testing will be done in FSA 2. Jordan said that's their goal and they are staffing accordingly.

Joe asked Jordan whether they're on schedule for FSA 1 despite the delays for FSA 2. Jordan said that they remain on schedule for FSA 1.

Art had previously sent WG&E contact information for Jeff Johnston, Head of the Heath Highway Department. He gave that information to Dave Libbey. Joe said they will wait for confirmation that poles 19 and 20 on Taylor Brook Road have been replaced before contacting MBI. Art said he would check the site that afternoon.

Joe said that they are looking at March 8 as the target date for alpha – beta testing.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:25.

Art reported that with a recent DocuSign there was the copy of a receipt from Home Depot for the purchase of \$224. worth of items for the hut. Among the items were a utility blade knife and 100 blades. This puzzled Joe Parda who will ask about it. Caitrin assured committee members that the items purchased would be left in Heath.

Art asked whether there is backhaul for customers on Bassett Road. He expressed concern that there be enough fiber to cover future development. Joe said that the network design goes only as far as the town border. At that point the design calls for leaving extra fiber.

Joe will look into the question of whether the contract obligates TriWire to build the section beyond the town line where there are 2 customers. WG&E will review the design and speak with Charlemont about the transfer of pole licensing for the poles for the 2 customers on Bassett Road.

WG&E and the MLPAC discussed the alarm system within the hut. John Leary continues to talk with possible contractors for monitoring the hut. The Town and WG&E want to know who is going into and out of the hut.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf

