

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLAC with WG&E and TriWire
February 23, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, and Ned Wolf;
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield
WG&E: Tom Kolek, Joe Parada, Laura Dorman, Dave Loiko, Teah Dempsey, and Caitrin Ferriter
TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libbey, and Dave Poplawski

Jordan said that once the DOT project in Charlemont is completed, crews will resume Heath construction work in FSA 3 and maybe begin in FSA 4.

Joe asked whether MBI has done what it has to do on Taylor Brook Road at the recently replaced poles numbers 19 and 20. Dave Loiko said that work had not been done last Wednesday when he checked.

Dave Poplawski said that he did get 2 new radios that are providing good communications for two and a half to 3 miles. A third radio due to arrive tomorrow will give them five to six miles.

Dave Libbey reported that about one third of the testing in FSA 2 is complete. Dave and Joe discussed recording the test results in the FTP. Dave will continue to update Joe daily on test results. Dave said that March 4 is the expected date for the completion of testing in FSA 2. They're looking at March 18 as the release date with Alpha-Beta testers beginning in the third week of March.

Jordan said that there has been no splicing in FSA 1 this past week. He said that once the 2 CABCOMM splicing teams are back in place in a week or more, he thinks they can catch up to the FSA 1 splicing schedule.

Joe answered Art's question about the meaning of 'A' and 'B' in the reporting of test results. 'A' denotes the hub, and 'B' an MST port.

Jordan spoke of his need to install a box in Sawyer Hall in the large second floor room close to where MBI comes in. Sheila will contact Tim about assisting.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:29.

There was a discussion with Laura and Caitrin about setting up a virtual marketing event. The online event will be Wednesday, March 10 at 6 pm. On Thursday, February 25 at 2:30 there will be a virtual meeting involving Caitrin, Laura, Sheila, Art, Jan, and Ned to discuss the format of the meeting.

Joe said that there will be a review of Home Depot items recently included in a DocuSign to Heath. Any items not left in the hut will be credited to Heath on the next AIA invoice.

Joe said that there have been some address adds coming in from customers in Mohawk Estates. He said that they will come back to us with no more than a handful of additions for us to review for eligibility.

In referring to the Charlemont edge case Joe advised that the network will be fully owned by Heath and that talk is needed between Charlemont and Heath. Sheila says that a discussion that includes her and Bob Handsaker has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 4 or 4:30. Art noted that in addition to just the 2 poles for which Heath wants ownership transferred from Charlemont there are 11 additional poles on Bassett Road in Charlemont. Joe assured us that a transfer could be done for just those 2 poles so that Heath would not end up paying licensing fees for all 13.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf