

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

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Anne Emmet, Paul Dabrody, and Ned Wolf  
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield  
WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Dave Loiko, Laura Dorman, Teah Dempsey, Chris La Vertu,  
and Caitrin Ferriter  
TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Dave Libbey, and Dave Poplawski who arrived late

Joe introduced Anne and Paul.

Joe said that he has not been notified by MBI of any work they have done on Taylor Brook Road following the replacement of poles 19 and 20. Dave Loiko said that he had recently visited the site and could see that MBI has adjusted the cable as required.

Joe asked Jordan whether he has a grounding map. Jordan said he's putting that together and hopes to send it out next week.

Dave Libbey reported that crews detected a reburn which they tried to deal with but could not because snow made it inaccessible. Also, the fibers 1, 2, 5, 60, 93, 94, and 95 which are all in FSA 2 can't be accessed due to snow.

Art said that the town could assist with snow removal. Dave Libbey said that he would send the Town the locations which need to be cleared of snow.

Dave Poplawski said that the third radio has been working well. A vendor has been found for a repeater. The vendor is testing it in the field. A TriWire crew has taken the radios used in FSA 2 into FSA 1 to get a map of the coverage in preparation for testing there. Dave and Joe talked of 4/24 as still being the intended date for finishing testing in FSA 1.

Dave Poplawski said that for an entire week there was no one in the hub.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:24.

Sheila asked Caitrin a question about the marketing event scheduled for 6 pm tomorrow. What is meant by "A recording will be made available?" Caitrin said that means that Laura will convert the recording to a widely available YouTube video. Sheila also asked whether she and the MLPAC could receive some guidance in reading the AIA's used to provide information about expenses incurred. Caitrin and Sheila agreed to have a tutorial on AIA's with the MLPAC at 11 am on Tuesday, March 16. Caitrin and Tom spoke of readily making access to the CRM and Project Tracker available to Anne and Paul provided that they have gmail addresses.

Jan asked about the cost of finishing a cold drop. Joe asked Chris to consider a situation where the initial push is done, and 6 months later a call comes for a cold drop. Chris said that they would try to blend the work on the cold drop with concurrent work. If the return occurs later than the end of the contract, there could be \$500. added to the cost.

Joe said that he thinks Jordan will have begun work in FSA 4 before July 26. Joe said that we could tell the permanent residents of Mohawk Estates that all will be done before the bad weather. He said that for seasonal residents we may want to consider outdoor ONT's. He will discuss this with WG&E's IT people.

Sheila expressed interest in the outdoor ONT. Art asked whether the ONT and the router would be carried around by the customer. Joe said that's how it would be. A customer would plug an Ethernet cord into an outdoor ruggedized device. WG&E would be able to "connect" that customer from a distance. Sheila said that since we may have to change our Drop Policy, it would be a help to have this matter resolved soon.

Joe said he anticipates the build but not the drops to be done by the end of October. He said that if they came back in the spring, they would just pick up where they left off.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf