

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLPAC with WG&E, NEIT, and Town Officials
April 6, 2021 at 2:30 pm

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Anne Emmet, Paul Dabrody, and Ned Wolf
with Dave Gordan and Bill Fontes as visitors
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield
WG&E: Joe Parda and Tom Kolek
NEIT: Shawn and Doug
and Gloria Fisher of the Select Board, and Town Coordinator Hilma Sumner at 2:35

Joe spoke to Shawn and Doug of NEIT about what work has already been done with a view to connecting Heath's municipal buildings. He said that they've added at municipal buildings additional fibers to be purposed at the hub for more 'what ifs'. He said that each municipal building could be the endpoint of a GPON network, or a WAN network could be added.

Shawn said he has seen this in other towns and thinks adding a WAN network for Heath's municipal buildings is a good idea. He said that they can negate the need for firewalls. Joe said that WG&E would assign NEIT rack real estate in the hub. He said that NEIT would need its own stand alone UPS. Joe recommended that NEIT get all its equipment from WG&E including an angle polish connector interface. There will be 6 fibers for each building, and if just 2 are used, that's OK. For each building NEIT would go to the FTP panel and interface that with what the Town needs. It would be the same setup as in Rowe with David Dvore.

Sheila urged NEIT to have a contact person at WG&E. Joe and Shawn will talk. Shawn said he would put a proposal together and modify it according to what he's heard at this meeting. Much of the work but not necessarily all will be covered by the Community Compact Grant. Shawn said that the savings from firewalls will make it cost neutral. Joe said that the switch in the design of the municipal network would cost only slightly more than before.

Joe said that in the event of a problem from the hub to a municipal building, NEIT would be the first to respond. WG&E would continue to monitor what happens in the hub.

Instead of there being separate subscriptions for the buildings, the Town would be billed for a single subscription.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf

