

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLPAC with WG&E and TriWire
April 6, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Anne Emmet, Paul Dabrody, and Ned Wolf
with Dave Gordon and Bill Fontes visiting
MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield
WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and Caitrin Ferriter
TriWire: Jordan Hawes and Dave Libbey

Joe spoke of the windstorm and the MBI line going down on Route 2. Jordan said that he is not up to date but had talked with Eric about the situation in Heath.

Joe said that all the damage is covered under builder's risk insurance. A charge to Heath will be added, and that charge will be covered by insurance.

Dave Libbey described work done on Taylor Brook Road for which Heath is being charged: 2 pole transfers taking 15 hrs and 3 pole transfers taking 5 hrs. Sheila said that she thought Heath would not have to pay for that. Joe asked whether it was the second bill for what MBI should have done the first time. Dave answered no. Joe said he would take it up with Bill Ennen. MBI should have done the work.

Jordan said that to avoid damaging the dirt roads they've temporarily stopped work along the ones that are too muddy. He's having one crew do MST's in FSA 3.

Sheila volunteered to check road conditions and inform Jordan.

Joe said that on the cable side they're ahead of schedule. Jordan said that the same crew that did the Department of Transportation project in Charlemont will do FSA 4 in Heath. Once they get started they really move.

Dave said that testing would be starting in FSA 1 later this week. Once case 32 is done, TriWire gets going with testing that is still scheduled to be finished by April 24. FSA 1 is scheduled to be released May 8. Dave said that although he still doesn't have the repeater he ordered, having a middle man has worked.

Sheila requested updates for the April 17 newsletter for Mohawk Estates. Joe asked Jordan when he expects strand activities in FSA 4. Jordan said July and said that he'll be more definite next week. Joe said that they're planning a walking survey with Jenny Hamilton around Memorial Day when there's more activity.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf