

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLPAC with WG&E and TriWire
April 28, 2021 at 9 am

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

There was a discussion of how the walkthrough of Mohawk Estates would begin Thursday morning. Sheila said that tomorrow and for each day of the walkthrough we will have someone in Heath Center to meet Jaime Cincotta before heading to Mohawk Estates.

Jan asked whether Jaime has seen the map she sent him. Joe said that Jaime has access to the cable design which will be 80% of his guidance. Caitrin said that Jaime is fine going in the rain.

Jan noted that unlike Windsor, where Jaime has recently been, there won't be a clear street grid. Using a large paper map in the rain could be awkward. Joe said it would be an opportunity for Jaime to get his boots on the ground. He suggested that in case of heavy rain Jaime spend time visiting town buildings.

Sheila said that the first places to visit will be Apache Drive, Teepee Drive, and Mohawk Drive. Those who are present tomorrow can schedule the next meeting.

Jordan reported that fiber and MST's are being hung on Town Farm Road. They will soon be finishing installing MST's on South Road. The number of MST's still to place in FSA 3 is 35. The completion date for FSA 3 is August 28. From FSA 3 they will move on to FSA 4. FSA 4's MST's were delivered last Thursday.

Dave Libbey said that Dave Poplawski is still waiting on a repeater to help with testing in FSA 1. New parts are needed. He said that they still have a cell phone booster. Dave Libbey said that when they finish testing in Chesterfield and Windsor they will come to Heath to push testing in FSA 1.

Sheila checked whether Heath's radios will be needed. Dave said no. He confirmed with Joe that May 7 is the date for finishing testing in FSA 1.

TriWire left the meeting at 9:30.

Sheila asked for the percent of installations done in FSA 2. Caitrin said that there are now 45 active sites in FSA 2. There are 8 scheduled installations. There are 24 more that need to be scheduled.

Joe said that he had talked with Bob Handsaker about the third Charlemont edge case. Bob says that there is a \$500 drop subsidy out of Charlemont, and they would like Heath to fund the network.

Regarding the easement question in Mohawk Estates, Sheila said that National Grid and Verizon already have an easement. We're taking advantage of that.

Caitrin said that the funding of marketing materials is split 50 – 50 between WG&E and Wired West. Sheila said that she, Anne, and David had found Chesterfield's presentation very good. The Heath MLPAC has created a presentation that we would like to give again. Sheila expressed interest in scheduling a repeat near the end of May. We will look at the calendar to find a good date a few days after an FSA is lit up. A 'tech' presentation such as given in Chesterfield could be scheduled in Heath for another date.

Joe asked whether we have heard any more from Shaun Weaver of Northeast IT. Bill said that in a conversation with Shaun he learned that the firewall planned from the beginning as part of the Community Compact grant project is already built into the system and will accommodate a backup.

Bill said he's aware of WG&E's interest in having the switch in the hub. Given that Shaun says the firewall can go in any building, Bill asked why the switch needs to go in the hub. Joe said there would be full hub telemetry and that he wouldn't give Northeast IT a bob entry. WG&E would be concerned letting Northeast IT into those panels. Bill said he sees how having the switch in the hub fees up more fibers.

Sheila asked Joe whether Jaime's visits to Mohawk Estates would be billable. Joe said they would not be.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf