

**Cheshire County Delegation
Maplewood Nursing Home
Delegation Subcommittee
March 18, 2016
County Hall Building
Delegation Meeting Room
12 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431**

(The following minutes are a draft, only, and not to be considered official until approved.)

Present: Representatives Michael Abbott, John Bordenet, Richard Ames, Gladys Johnsen, John Mann, Jim McConnell, and Timothy Robertson,

Commissioners and Staff: County Administrator Chris Coates, Commissioners Stillman Rogers, Peter Graves, Charles Weed, Assistant County Administrator Rod Bouchard, Maplewood Nursing Home Administrator Katherine Kindopp, Finance Director Sheryl Trombly.

Representative John Mann, Chairman of the Maplewood Nursing Home Subcommittee opened the meeting with an overview of the purpose and procedures to be followed. The presentation defining operating and construction expense cost estimates was the focus of this meeting.

Presenting were Architect Patrick Mixdorf, EGA Architects of Newburyport, MA and Jeffrey M. Landa, partner with Strategic Care Solutions of Stoneham, MA. Strategic Care Solutions is part of the team tasked with a professional, in depth study of the feasibility of various options for the future of Maplewood Nursing Home as were set out by the MWNH Subcommittee of the Cheshire Co. Delegation.

The most recent meeting of this group had presented a variety of scenarios as possible solutions. Those can be viewed in detail on the County website (www.Cheshire.co.nh.us) under the Maplewood Nursing Home heading.

The delegation had requested the team to bring back the projected operational costs for each facility as well as the costs of the assisted living portion of the county's operation apart from the nursing home, i.e. the skilled nursing portion of the business. Also, there were a number of questions from some delegates and administrators added from the first presentation. In the February 5th meeting, the "infrastructure plus" scenario which would bring the existing building up to code (ADA) but lose thirty (30) beds to accommodate hallways and bathroom expansions was estimated at \$9.8 million. That cost has increased to \$16,284,710.00, to cover the added work addressing some delegates' concerns and to include the optional replacement of a bridge (\$1,600,000.00) on the River Road, currently weight limited to ten (10) tons and inadequate to carry heavier equipment and/or emergency vehicles. The total project would take approximately twenty (20) months at an estimated total cost of \$18,849,552.00.

The construction and operational cost estimates were detailed for each of the six scenarios; outlined in the previous meeting. These figures may be studied at the county website, www.Cheshire.co.nh.us under the heading: Maplewood Nursing Home.

Some of the concerns of the delegates were the possible decrease of the number of beds in Scenario A1, the energy efficiency comparisons, cost of staff training, and the comparison of the number of privately-paying residents in Westmoreland to private pay in Keene. There was more discussion of features of the various scenarios and costs leading the presenting partners to advise the members of the subcommittee and the public in attendance to direct their questions to Administrator Coates within the next week. He will forward the questions to EGA and Strategic Care Solutions LLC so that they may address them at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Maplewood Subcommittee of the Cheshire Co. Delegation will take place on Friday, April 8, 2016, at 10AM at the County Hall Building, Commissioners Conference Room, 12 Court Street, Keene, NH.

Respectfully submitted,
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