

**Cheshire County Delegation
Maplewood Nursing Home Subcommittee
Cheshire County Courthouse
12 Court Street
Keene, New Hampshire
April 11, 2016**

Representatives: Michael Abbot, Richard Ames, Paul Berch, John Bordenet, Cynthia Chase, Daniel Eaton, Susan Emerson, Gladys Johnsen, John Mann, Jim McConnell, Timothy Robertson, and Marjorie Shepardson.

Commissioners and Staff: Commissioners Stillman Rogers, Charles Weed, Peter Graves. County Administrator Chris Coates, Asst. Administrator. Rod Bouchard, Finance Director, Sheryl Trombly

The County Delegation Maplewood Nursing Home Subcommittee met at the Cheshire County Court House on April 11, 2016. Representative John Mann, Chairman of the subcommittee opened the meeting at 10:00AM. He explained that the purpose of this meeting was to further examine the study done by the architectural, operational and building firms contracted. At this meeting there will be presentation and discussion of adjustments made resulting from the questions and comments from the county officials at last month's meeting. He reiterated that 'costs' are not the task of EGA, an architectural firm. They have been tasked with defining methods that will remedy the situation of an aging complex and that has led to the various scenarios. To consider are structural formations and locations as well as costs and methods of achieving the best options in the interest of those served and the county population.

Representative Jim McConnell asked about the public presentations that have been expected and how soon they might begin. All present agreed that public presentations are important to the taxpayers and to the process, but that the subcommittee must first make clear the best of the possible actions to be presented at these sessions.

Architect Patrick Mixdorf, EGA firm, introduced the power point presentation of revisions related to questions presented at the March 18th meeting and the payer mix involved in possible building in Keene.

Several items that had been added to the previous cost estimates have been removed from this presentation; for example, the cost of rebuilding the bridge on River Road near the current nursing home complex. Mixdorf pointed out that today's presentation of the feasibility study which covers operating revenue and expenses for each scenario or option considered.

At this meeting a careful explanation was given for each scenario that has been discussed: A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, and B4. Each of the "B" scenarios would be proposed for Keene location. Each explanation was accompanied by the power point illustration and there were handouts of hard copy of this material available for those present. The handouts are available to the public on the Cheshire County website under the Subcommittee heading dated April 11, 2016. Also available to public is the audio of the meeting which is very interesting and helpful.

They have all agreed that there is a tremendous amount of material to “digest”, understand. They also agreed that EGA and the other professionals involved in this study have been extremely helpful.

The members of the committee, County Administrator Coates, and the Commissioners would encourage members of the public to access the website, listen and read to learn more about the findings of the study.

The subcommittee will meet again at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016, at the Court House to organize the next steps in this work, making preparations for public presentations.
Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Johnson