



COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Minutes

This meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom at
Maplewood Nursing Home
201 River Road
Westmoreland NH, 03467

Zoom Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 409 748 8803

Pin #: 603123

Start Time 8:30 AM

Present: Commissioners Terry Clark, Claudia Stewart, and Skipper DiBernardo

Absent:

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, Director of Executive Services/Communications Bernstein, Maplewood Administrator Kindopp, Assistant Maplewood Administrator Priest, and Superintendent Iosue

Guests:

Public Comments

Upon recognition from the Chair, a Public Comment on topics of interest may be made.

I. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates

To receive, as informational, departmental updates requiring Commissioner review, participation, approval, and impactful departmental and operational issues.

1) Maplewood Administrator Kindopp brought up concerns from some of her employees about where the “More You Know” bulletin board went, she said they were confused on what occurred as there have not been any updates since January or February.

County Administrator Coates said he would like to discuss this with HR Director May when she returns next week.

Commissioner Stewart said she was against using the terminology of “DEI.” She said she would support this being an informational board, but not with DEI.

Commissioner Clark said he disagreed and said the backlash against DEI is wrong.

Kindopp said she cannot afford to lose any staff members, and if there is staff concern over the loss of this bulletin board that is something that should be addressed if possible.

Commissioner DiBernardo said he would like Coates and Kindopp to investigate this to see

who took down the board.

II. Scheduled Items

Master Agenda Item #1279: Maplewood Nursing Home Collective Bargaining Agreement – K. Kindopp & S. Trombly

Action Expected: For the County Commissioners to sign the MNH CBA agreement

1) Finance Director Trombly said this agreement was fully decided upon and approved by the Commissioners and the Delegation; it now needs signatures.

Commissioners DiBernardo and Stewart signed the document; Commissioner Clark will sign the document later in the day, July 2.

County Administrator

Weekly Operations Report - The County Administrator will update the Commissioners on activities that have taken place since the previous meeting.'

1) Coates said Mayor of Keene Jay Kahn has asked a member of the County Commissioners to sit on a committee planning a celebration for the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States in 2026.

2) Coates said Primex is working on some guidelines in regards to working with AI in minute taking and sensitive/confidential information.

3) Coates said he is going to an event with Senator Shaheen today to discuss the impacts of the BBB which passed through the Senate on July 1. Coates said he has questions as to how thousands losing health insurance in the state will impact the County.

Finance Director Trombly said the nursing home bed tax is being reduced, we currently receive \$700,000 a year, we do not know what it may move to.

4) Coates said recent proposals will raise the County cap from 2% to 3% for the next two fiscal years. '26 & '27.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

1) Director of Executive Services/Communications Bernstein said the website redevelopment is going smoothly. He said they are having frequent meetings.

V. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of June 25, 2025

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the manifests and minutes of June 25, 2025. Commissioner DiBernardo seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed

unanimously.

VI. Calendar

Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary changes/additions.

VII. General Discussion for Commissioners

VIII. Nonpublic Sessions:

IX. Adjournment

At 9:24am Commissioner Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner DiBernardo seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Recorded by:
Davis Bernstein
Director of Executive Services & Communications

Minutes Reviewed by:
Commissioner DiBernardo
Clerk, Cheshire County Commissioners