

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Maplewood Nursing Home
201 River Road
Westmoreland, NH 03467

Conference Call Information
Phone Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 409 748 8803
Pin #: 6031233

Present: Commissioners Jack Wozmak, Robert Englund, and Terry Clark
Staff: County Administrator Coates, Assistant Finance Director Hall, Sheriff Rivera, Maplewood Administrator Kindopp, Facilities Director Harrison, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard.
Guest(s): Ingrid Nichols, President, Banwell Architects, and Steve Horton, County Owners Representative. Michael Wright, Stuart Adams, and sons.

At 8:33 AM, Commissioner Wozmak opened the meeting, and Administrator Coates conducted a roll-call with the Commissioners, Wozmak, and Clark, responding as "present."

Public Comment: None

At 8:34 AM, the Commissioners opened the floor for public comment, and none was received.

Master Agenda Item #970: Single source waiver for dispatch infrastructure civil work purposes was then discussed. Sheriff Rivera spoke to a request for a single source waiver for the civil work allocated to the County Dispatch Motorola radio upgrade project. He described the work that needed to be completed for the Countywide radio upgrade project and said that this was the first step in getting the project started. A discussion of the RSA that allows the Commissioners to specify a single source authorization was had. After the discussion, **Commissioner, Wozmak moved to authorize the Sheriff to engage Motorola to complete the civil engineering work for the project. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Master Agenda Item #971: Proposed changes and color selection to the 1858 building cupola were taken up for review. Ingrid Nichols of Banwell Architects led the discussion and presented a recommendation for color choices to the Commissioners about the rehabilitation of the cupola. There was a great deal of back and forth on the colors presently on the building and what the historic colors might have been. Coates and Bouchard pointed out that the investigations that have been conducted have been somewhat unclear as to the original colors and that the building has undergone many changes over the last one hundred and sixty-four years.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Banwell would produce several color rendering showing recommended colors and present their recommendations at an upcoming Commissioners' meeting.

Coates was then recognized for the Weekly Operations Report.

Coates said he had been asked to be a co-chair of the United Way Fund Drive and accepted. He indicated that the amount of time he would be involved would be limited during regular workdays.

Coates then said that a now annual event at the Pease Air National Guard Base is being scheduled and that flights under the Civil Leader programs are currently being planned. He said that a box lunch and

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refueling exhibition would be available and that the Commissioners would be flying on the units. KC46 planes.

Coates noted that in a call with other Counties yesterday, Rockingham County is considered to go to four-year terms for elected officials such as the Register of Deeds, County Attorney, and Sheriff. It would not affect the election of Commissioners.

He then said that he will be meeting with the Monadnock Interfaith Housing group today to explore what the committee is looking to accomplish and how it would fulfill its goal of providing workforce housing in the County.

Coates then related a conversation with a contact at the Northern Borders commission, and he described some projects that the County is considering for grant funding. He was told that one of the projects, in particular, is ideal for the Northern Borders funding interest and was requested to submit the project as-soon-as-possible to be eligible for the upcoming round of funding.

Coates said that based on the current projections for the completion of the new Hundred Nights Shelter building, it is highly likely that the bus used by the shelter will spend one more winter in the Latchis parking lot.

Coates said that he and Bouchard had a meeting with Paragon Digital Marketing to begin work on creating additional pages for the County website for the newly formed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department. That work will begin in the next few weeks.

Lastly, Coates presented the following information on COVID-19 from the Cheshire Medical Staff.

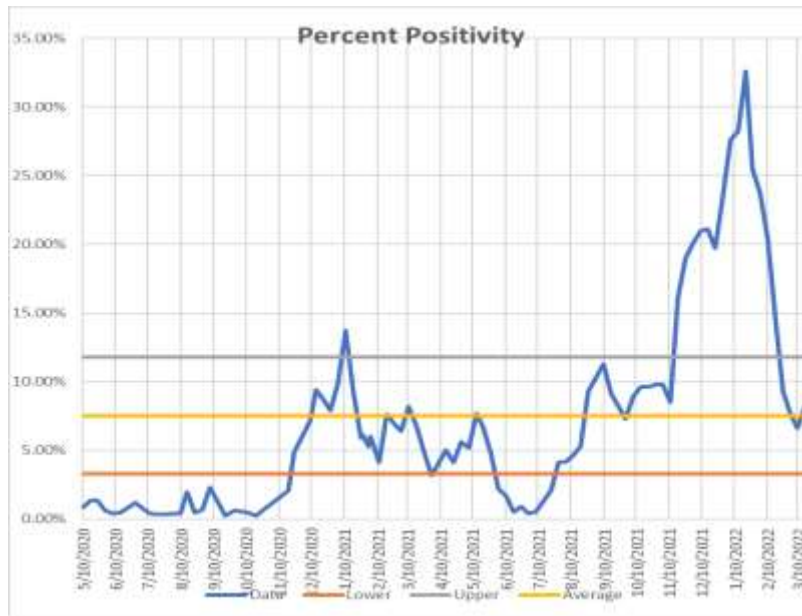
IP Update Week of 3/28/22

Total Tests Collected / Percent Positive: (per eDH)

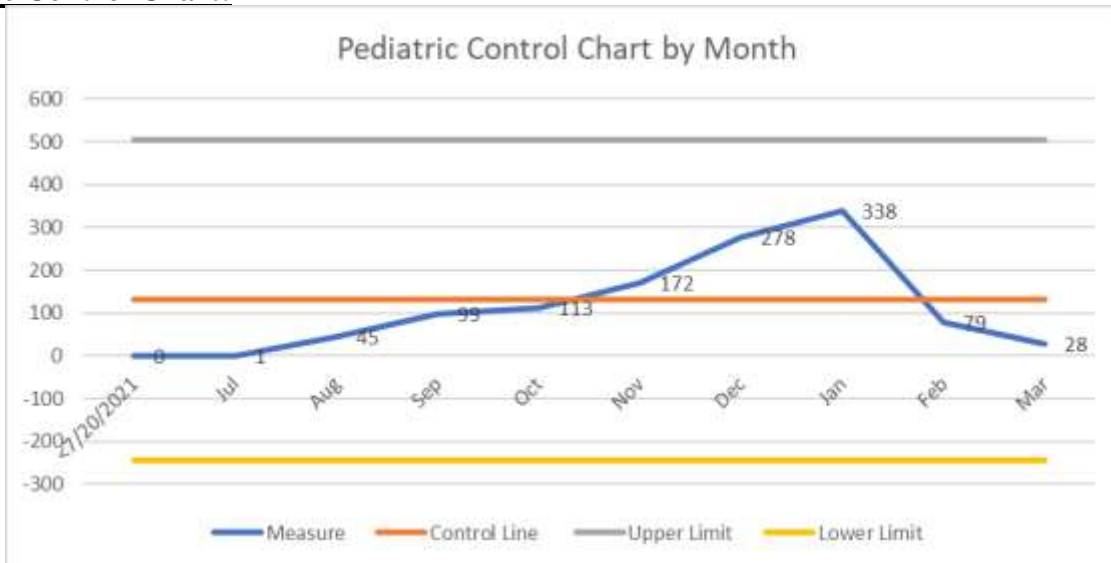
	Detected	Not Detected	Grand Total	% Detected
2/25/2022 – 3/3/2022	26	316	342	7.6%
3/4/2022 – 3/10/2022	24	337	361	6.6%
3/11/2022 – 3/17/2022	40	450	490	8.2%
3/18/2022 – 3/24/2022	24	386	410	5.9%
Grand Totals since JAN2021	5,511	40,223	45,734	12.1%

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Pediatric Control Chart:



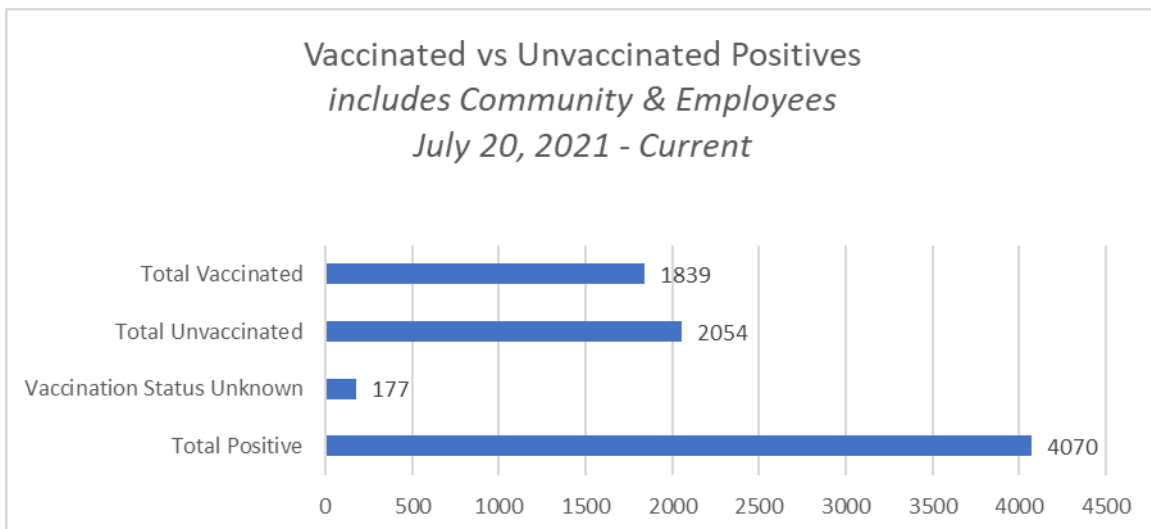
State Data for Cheshire County: As of 3/25/22, Cheshire County's percent positive is 5.5%, with a new case rate per 100k of 170 over 14 days. Cheshire County is noted to be at a low level of transmission per the CDC. See the State overview below:

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Positives Compared to Vaccination Status (as of 1/1/22 this data includes community positives and employee positives only. Historic inpatients will remain.) **45.18%** vaccinated / **50.47%** unvaccinated / **4.35%** unknown



Inpatients (7 day average, age range, and vaccination status) **37.13%** vaccinated / **54.09%** unvaccinated / **8.77%** unknown

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3/11/22 – 3/17/22: total of **42** active COVID patients over 7 days, an average of **6** patients per day. This week we had **6** newly admitted, with ages ranging from **20-29, 30-39, 70-79, and 80+**; **3** of which were fully vaccinated, **1** was not vaccinated, and **2** had an unknown vaccination status.

Of the **6** newly admitted:

- Confirmed and admitted due to COVID – 2 (2 vaccinated)
- Confirmed asymptomatic and admitted due to other etiology – 4 (1 vaccinated, 1 unvaccinated, 2 unknown)

3/18/22 – 3/24/22: total of **18** active COVID patients over 7 days, an average of **2.6** patients per day. This week we had **0** newly admitted.

New Business was taken up, and Commissioner Wozmak stated that he wishes to purchase the following medical equipment under a single source contract from the Zoll Medical Corporation to maintain continuity and compatibility with existing field equipment among local medical providers, especially Cheshire Medical Center. Wozmak said that a second company LifePak by Stryker, who had also provided a quote on the equipment, was considered, but the cost exceeded the Zoll quote, and compatibility issues strongly favored working with the Zoll company.

The equipment requested is as follows and has previously been approved for funding by the County Delegation:

- Eight (8) X Series Advanced Cardiac Monitors and accessories with full warranty coverage = \$329,438.69
- Five (5) Z Ventilators and accessories with full warranty coverage = \$101,675.67
- One (1) Autopulse and accessories with full warranty = \$16,482.16

The equipment total request is \$443,786.07.

A lengthy discussion on sole-source purchasing began, and Commissioner Clark said that he wanted to be very clear about the criteria for authorizing sole-source contracts. After reviewing the use of the NH RSA 28:8 Competitive Bidding on Purchases (Counties) by the State and Counties and in Cheshire County, in particular, the Commissioners were satisfied that all requirements of the statute were being met.

Commissioner Wozmak then moved to accept the bid from the Zoll Medical Corporation of 269 Mill Road, Chelmsford, MA, for a total of \$443,786.07. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of 03/09/2022 and Manifests for the week. Commissioner Englund moved the consent agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business: None

At 09:43 AM, Master Agenda Item #972: Tour of Maplewood, Farm, and Water Treatment Plants was taken up, and the meeting was recessed to conduct a tour of Maplewood and the farm. A tour of the new Maplewood third-floor wing began. The Commissioners and staff then inspected the Biomass boiler, the propane field, the facilities building, and the work on the Assisted Living entrance portico. The tour continued at the old jail site and included inspecting the red barn, the wastewater treatment plant, the water treatment plant, and the surrounding grounds.

The farm buildings were toured with Mike Wright, Stuart Adams, and his two sons. The structure and surrounding areas were found to be in good shape, and it was evident that proper maintenance and care had been in effect since the last inspection.

Bouchard said that both the Wrights and Adams have been great to work with and that the farm and its surroundings haven't looked as good as they do now for many years. He said that it had been a pleasure to work with them for the past six years.

General Discussion: None

At 12:16 PM Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorded and edited by:
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