



## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Minutes

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

This meeting will be conducted in person and electronically (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 08:30 AM**

**Present:** Commissioners Terry Clark and Robert Englund.

**Absent:** Jack Wozmak (with notice).

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

**Guest(s):**

**Public Comments**

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

-At 8:33AM the Commissioners opened the meeting, and Commissioners Englund and Clark responded as present.

**I. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates**

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

1. Human Resources Director May said they have been working on the employee handbook. May said Grants Manager Bansley put in a tremendous amount of work to see this to fruition. The employee handbook will be ready for review in early July/
2. Maplewood Administrator Kindopp said the old swing set was removed from the property by a bidder for the structure.
3. Kindopp said we were briefly at the max capacity in relation to staffing, the total was 110 residents.
4. Cheshire County EMS Chief McMurrer said staffing is fantastic right now.

County Administrator Coates said the County is the biggest preventative care provider in the County through Connected Families, Behavioral Health Court, EMS, Restorative Community, etc.

McMurrer stated that Community Liaison Cannel has been working to ensure that 911 providers are extremely familiar with resources for those in tough situations including mental health struggles. Instead of forcing someone into a hospital or jail, these alternative community resources can provide the help they need with their specific situation.

Coates said we should be a partner of this in any way we can.

## **II. Scheduled Items**

Master Agenda Item #1185: Chesire Community Power Rate Adjustment – T. Clark  
**Action Expected: Vote on the application of a discretionary reserve adder in the amount of \$0.003 per kilowatt-hour effective for the August 2024 through January 2025 rate period.**

1. Commissioner Clark began by stating this very minor adder will be utilized for projects in the future, in order to avoid lobbying the entire cost on against rate payer all at once/ He said the utilities have announced their rates, which are around 12.5 cents.

Clark said they are asking for 1/3 of 1 cent per kilowatt-hour. This plan will last until January 2025, where it will be re-evaluated to see if the adder should continue, end, or change.

Starting this August, all CPCNH programs besides “Clean 100” will be cheaper than Eversource, Liberty or Until.

**Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the application of a discretionary reserve adder in the amount of \$0.003 per kilowatt-hour effective for the August 2024 through January 2025 rate period and Commissioner Englund seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.**

## **III. County Administrator**

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

1. County Administrator Coates began his report by announcing the County has received two achievement awards from the National Association of Counties for the creation of Cheshire County EMS, and the HandyMan Program.

2. Coates said Cheshire County EMS has been in the city of Keene for at least 100 calls in 2024.

3. Coates said Ty Gagne, CEO of Primex, supports Coates’ idea to expand the Supervisors Academy regionally to allow for more participants, with Cheshire County serving as the pilot program.

4. Finance Director Trombly stated that the County received \$176,000 in the most recent round of opioid abatement settlement dollars. Coates asked that the Commissioners begin considering what outside organizations addressing opioid abuse disorder could utilize some of this funding, as it has been done in the past.

5. Coates said the County received 5.2 million dollars in pro share funding this year, down by around \$200,000 from 2023.

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**VI. Consent Agenda Items:**

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of June 5, 2024.

**Commissioner Englund moved to accept the manifests and minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. Calendar**

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

**VIII. General Discussion for Commissioners**

**IX. Nonpublic Sessions:**

**X. Adjournment**

**At 10:35 AM, Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Clark seconded. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Minutes recorded by:  
D. Bernstein  
Director, Executive Services and  
Communications

Reviewed and approved by:  
T. Clark, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners