Prior to 1983 the prison was governed by a Board of Trustees and managed by a Warden. The NH Dept. of Corrections did not exist as an agency until April 1983. It was a single state prison.

From 1983-2001, the Corrections Commissioners worked at the pleasure of the Governor. Since 2001, Commissioners serve for a four-year term and are appointed by the Governor and Executive Council.

**NH - DOC Commissioners**

Dec 1993 – Aug 1997 – Paul Brodeur  
Jan 1998 – Sep 1999 – Henry “Hank” Risley  
Sep 1999 – May 2000 – Edda Cantor (Acting)  
May 2000 – Oct 2003 – Phil Stanley  
Nov 2017 – present – Helen E. Hanks