

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS
TOWN AND COUNTY BUILDING
NANTUCKET, MA 02554

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Nantucket Board of Selectmen
Nantucket Town Building
16 Broad Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

Gentlemen:

Members of our Committee have heard presentations by Dr. Margot Hartmann, CEO and President of the Nantucket Cottage Hospital (NCH), Michael Roberts, Chairman of its Board, and Board member Steve Karp on the NCH proposal of a new hospital at the Wyer's Valley site. Allen Reinhard, Chair of the Wannacomet Water Commission and Transportation Planner Mike Burns also spoke to us about how they viewed potential impacts of the proposal.

After discussion and vote, the ACNVT offers to you the following views:

1. We unanimously favor upgrade of NCH
2. We disagree with siting at the Wyer's Valley
3. We think the scale of the proposed new hospital is beyond what is required even in peak season
4. We recommend use of the Prospect Street site including, if needed and available, a portion of the Mill Hill Park, and
5. We are very concerned that the aquifer underlying Wyer's Valley could be adversely impacted if a new hospital were sited there.

Respectfully,



Howard Blitman, Chair P.E.



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