

Dear Rich,

Sept. 16, 2014

I heard over the grapevine that you would like to know how your constituents feel about the future location of our Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

My choice is to build the new NCH on the land at present held by the Hospital since 1956. Here are my reasons:

1. The land is expandable to the west (except for the colored cemetery), or toward Hill Hill Park if necessary.
2. Construction could go on very close to the original building site - think the Craig Building, nurses dormitory, doctors' offices being demolished before the start of the NCH building. (The Stop+Shop new building could serve as an example of how to manage new construction going up on a schedule of rapid tear-down.)
3. We need to think of the future role of the NCH. Will we be even more than today a staging area for helicopter flights to Boston area hospitals?
4. If two different operating rooms are needed, build them. If a trauma center is indicated create it. ~~How~~ <sup>How</sup> Many patients rooms will be needed in this evolving world of ambulatory medicine?

As for Weyer's Valley. The thought of an oil spill into the aquifer is too chilling to be entertained.

Rumor has it that the hospital favors this site because the Town owns it. We should not base an important development on money alone.

Sincerely & warmly,

Edwin P. McGrath