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**Town/City:** Newfane

**Topic:** Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

**Comment:** I cannot attend the upcoming Community Conversations: Health Care Sustainability/Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital so am sharing my thoughts in writing. I am a long-time patient of Grace Cottage healthcare, extending back to the 1980's and have witnessed the extraordinary transformation and growth of this unique health care facility's physician staffing, infrastructure, and technology—all with thoughtful attention to the growing needs of the community it serves and its long-standing insistence on quality care. Grace Cottage is unique in every respect. To mention a few.....

1. It attract professionals who want to practice the full spectrum of patient care, treat the whole person with personal, authentic, compassionate care.
2. It is blessed with an administration, board and foundation trustees who have not lost sight of the hospital's promise and mission.
3. Physical expansion has been carefully planned & within the parameters of its fundraising capacity .
4. AND forward-thinking technology (as an example, the emergency dept direct access to Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital) put Grace Cottage at the top of its game as a small hospital that is in touch with its strengths and needs. I cannot imagine not having this one-of-a-kind, community-based, community supported care in our region.

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