Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project. The benefits to the Cape Cod community from an expanded and modernized medical facility is apparent and well documented in the Hospital’s DRI application. Although the new Tower building is located in Barnstable, the parking areas and road networks within Yarmouth are also important to the operation of the Hospital. In reviewing the DRI application, the Town would suggest the Commission consider the following:

1. **Bayview Sidewalk & Resurfacing Improvements**: The Hospital’s DRI application notes the proposed improvements along Bayview Street including sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, drainage and roadway overlay. This joint project between the Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth is estimated to cost $1.4 million with almost $1 million being funded by the Town of Yarmouth. The Hospital is contributing $100,000 towards the project to cover crosswalk safety improvements (i.e. in-pavement crosswalk warning light system) which they requested to improve pedestrian safety from their large employee parking lot to the Hospital. Construction of this project in the near future is necessary due to the deteriorated condition of Bayview Street which is partially related to the high volumes of Hospital traffic. We recommend that the Hospital contribute additional funds for construction of the Bayview roadway and sidewalk improvements, and that traffic from construction equipment be minimized along Bayview Street if these improvements are completed prior to construction of the Tower.

2. **Route 28/Iyannough Road/ East Main Street Intersection**: A recently completed Road Safety Audit conducted by MassDOT identified numerous functional issues with this intersection including a significant number of crashes, a lack of bicycle and pedestrian amenities, and a skewed intersection geometry which does not provide for left hand turns onto Iyannough Road. Although this intersection was not evaluated in the Hospital’s Traffic Study as the
Hospital’s consultant predicted less than 25 new peak hour trips from the proposed project, Hospital related traffic certainly impacts this intersection. Although reconstruction/reconfiguration of this intersection may ultimately become a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project, the cost of design is often the burden of the municipality. We request that the Hospital and the Commission work with the Town of Yarmouth to support and advocate for improvements to this intersection as part of a future TIP project and work to identify other ways to fund the design of the project, perhaps with MassDOT taking on that role.

3. **Construction Traffic and Parking:** As part of the local permitting process, we request detailed information on the proposed traffic and parking mitigation plan during construction of the Tower to avoid issues with illegal parking or parking in residential neighborhoods.

4. **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program:** The TDM Program is relied upon to reduce and manage traffic and parking demand and is a key element in the overall mitigation package proposed by the Hospital. The very high parking usage rates show how tight the parking is for this important facility. Although identifying specific incentives (meal vouchers) and having a full-time person managing the Program are beneficial, there needs to be some documentation and accountability for actual use of the program as compared to the anticipated usage. We recommend the Hospital be required to submit TDM evaluation reports to the Commission and the two Towns on an annual basis and make appropriate modifications to the TDM Program should they fall short of usage projections.

5. **Traffic through Residential Neighborhoods:** Yarmouth residents have, for years, expressed issues with hospital related traffic traveling through their residential neighborhoods (Hyannis Park). Although not a year round issue, it can be a problem during peak season when people become frustrated with the traffic congestion and seek alternate routes. We recommend that the TDM Booklet clearly direct Hospital Staff to not travel through these residential neighborhoods and this be highlighted throughout educational materials for the TDM Program.

We look forward to following your review of this project and hearing more about the project at the Public Hearing scheduled for January 9th.