

# First phase of Hospital Expansion to be Completed

Project to pause for  
several months  
following Phase One



## Hospital Expansion Plans

Due to the current economic situation, Monadnock Community Hospital recently announced a plan to recover current and anticipated shortfalls in revenue of \$1.5 million for the remainder of this fiscal year. (See February 5 article in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*.)

As part of a three-step financial recovery plan, our expansion will continue with modifications to the project's timing, design and plan of action.

## *Continue Phase One, Then Pause*

The expansion project was designed to be completed in phases, allowing us to "pause" when needed in economic times like these. Our current plan is to complete Phase One by the end of

the year. This includes campus work in preparation for the Town Connector Road, and the construction of a new generator building.

At that time, the project will pause for about six to twelve months in order for us to reassess our expansion design and financial stability.

In addition to evaluating and streamline processes in our departments, we will refine the design and sequence of expanding departments to be as effective in this economy as possible.

## *A Project with Long-Term Benefits*

Because our research and experience indicates a clear need in our community for expanded

services, we are committed to completing this project.

Even during these tough economic times, the support from our community during the quiet phase of our fundraising campaign has been unprecedented. This further confirms for us that the services we provide are valued and needed by our community.

We will continue our fundraising campaign, knowing that expanding key services will meet our region's growing health care needs for years to come. Thanks to everyone who has supported this important project.

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**Questions?** Please contact Laura Gingras in the Department of Community Relations at 924-4666 or via email at [Laura.Gingras@mchmail.org](mailto:Laura.Gingras@mchmail.org). Visit [www.monadnockhospital.org/expansion](http://www.monadnockhospital.org/expansion) for up-to-date information



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**Frost Heaves**

We are working to fix the frost heaves that keep appearing at the street entrance. In the next couple of weeks, a new base will be added below this section of the road in order to eliminate the frost heaves.

Until then, please continue to drive slowly and cautiously through this area. We are sorry for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we fix this issue.

**Connector Road Awarded**

The Town of Peterborough has awarded the connector road construction project to Merrill Construction, Inc. of Pembroke, New Hampshire.

Site work will begin within the next few weeks. At this time, the construction should not affect access to the hospital or traffic on our campus. Please check the *Monadnock-Ledger Transcript* and the MCH web site at: [www.monadnockhospital.org/expansion](http://www.monadnockhospital.org/expansion) for the latest updates.

**MCH Helipad**

All helicopter flights for MCH are temporarily using the former NEBS parking lot while we install power lines to the new generator building. The lines should be completed and helicopter flights restored to the MCH landing pad this month. All hospital and regional emergency medical services staff are prepared to handle incoming and outgoing helicopters.

*Thanks for your patience and support during this project!*