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From: Kelly Lamas <Klamas@ludlow.ma.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:18 AM
To: kenelstein@gmail.com; pmatusik@ludlow.ma.us
Cc: Crete, Andrea
Subject: Re: Nicotine Free Generation

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Hi Ken,

Thanks for your email. At our fall meeting when we discussed updating the nicotine regulations, NFG came up. As board we decided to not implement this in our regulations at this time. We will be discussing and voting on the updated regulations at our next meeting on 2/6.

Kelly

From: Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 9:35 PM
To: Paulina Matusik <PMatusik@Ludlow.ma.us>
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Subject: Re: Nicotine Free Generation

I hope that Ludlow will eventually join the 14 other communities to help reduce nicotine addiction in youngsters born after 2004. As a Belchertown resident and Board of Health member, I especially would not like our kids to drive to Ludlow to avoid our restrictions. Addiction is hard to beat. (Pelham has joined our roster with NFG support.)

Obviously, this needs a statewide policy, but that only will happen after many other towns join us: Big Tobacco wants to addict our kids with all their resources.

I have attached an updated flyer that we distributed in Belchertown. Please share it if you wish.

We would be happy to meet the Board at your convenience.

On Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 3:39 PM Paulina Matusik <PMatusik@ludlow.ma.us> wrote:
Hi Andrea,

Thank you for the introduction 😊 Ken it's nice to virtually meet you.
That is a big undertaking! I applaud you and your board!

I don't think at this time our board is looking at including the Nicotine Free Generation in their regulations, but I am happy to send an introduction to our Board of Health chair Kelly (which I have included in this email) for any further clarification.

Kelly, please see Andrea's email introduction of her board member Ken below. Ken, attached to this email is Kelly Lamas our Board of Health Chair.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do on my end.

thank you,

Paulina Matusik, MPH

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Subject: Nicotine Free Generation

Good afternoon Paulina, I want to introduce you to one of my Belchertown Board of Health members who is copied on this email; Ken Elstein. In December the Belchertown Board of Health voted to amend their tobacco regulations to include restricting the sale of oral nicotine pouches to adult only retail tobacco establishments and to include the Nicotine Free Generation language to replace the minimum age of purchase of 21 years with the restriction of purchase to individuals born on or after January 1, 2004.

Ken is outreaching to surrounding communities to support the NFG policy in local Tobacco Sales Regulations and he'd love the opportunity to talk with you and your Board about this.

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