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From: Crete, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:36 PM
To: Belchertown Board of Health
Subject: Tobacco regulation updates

Good afternoon all, the Belchertown Board of Selectmen want me to attend their BOS meeting on Monday November 4th as they want to discuss the proposed updates to the BOH tobacco sales regulations, in particular the nicotine free generation part (not allowing anyone born on or after January 1, 2004 to be able to purchase tobacco products).

How do you feel about this? Kris Hoag would join me, and it would be educating them on the public health rationale to this approach in the tobacco sales regulations.

I will certainly let them know that the Board has not voted on a final draft and that on November 6th (that Wednesday) you will be having your meeting to further discuss and vote on any changes. And that the next step would be to set a public hearing date in December at which point the final draft and hearing notice would be distributed to the local retailers.

The BOS have been getting emails from tobacco lobbyists to not support the BOH's decision and I think it is making the BOS nervous. Regardless, the decision to be part of the nicotine free/tobacco free generation in your regulations is solely YOUR decision to make. My attendance at the BOS meeting will only be to educate them about nicotine/tobacco free generation. I plan to reach out to Brookline for talking points.

Let me know if you have any questions/concerns. I just wanted to let you know Steve our Town Manager spoke to me about the BOS meeting today and requested that I attend.

They have questions and concerns that they would like answered.

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