
Nicotine free generation

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Fri, Mar 20, 2026 at 12:56 PM

Hey Ryan, I hope your day is going well. Is the health department closed on Fridays?

Anyway, I'm trying to find the post of the nicotine free generation hearing on the website and I can't find it. I was also thinking of inviting some high school kids maybe from we the people to see their perspective on this proposal. Let me know what you think. Have a great weekend.

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Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 9:45 AM

Hi Steve,

That is a great Idea, I am going to reach out to the school committee and invite them and the superintendent, as I think high school students/caregivers are the real stakeholders. Would be excellent to have some of their view.

Monday april 13th @ 6:30 works?

<https://easthamptonma.gov/976/Board-of-Health-Invites-Community-Input->

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Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 1:01 PM

Great!

Did we confirm Monday or Tuesday? I currently have the 14th on my calendar.

Also, at a previous meeting, I recall a member of the Belchertown Board of Health mentioning something about legal protections for board members. Does that sound familiar?

Thank you,

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The School Committee has the large conference room reserved for the 14th. I have scheduled the meeting for Monday the 13th from 6:30–8:30 PM—please let me know if that works for you and Beth. If not, we could also look at Thursday the 16th as an alternative.

Yes, Ken Elstein from the Belchertown Board of Health. I've attached a letter from the Public Health Advocacy Institute stating that they will defend any Massachusetts municipality, free of charge, against legal challenges from the adoption of Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG) regulations.

I will also ask Ken if he is available to attend the meeting so the Board can speak with him directly about Belchertown's implementation of NFG and the minimal impact it has had on local tobacco establishments.

Additionally, I will reach out to Attorney Sbarra, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. She developed the sample NFG regulations and may be able to attend and answer any legal questions the Board may have.

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Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 3:52 PM

Great,

The 13th works for me. Also, good news on the rest.

Thank you Ryan.

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