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FW: Letter from NECSEMA to the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health

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Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
To: "smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov" <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>

Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 4:31 PM

Well, this is not good. Did you know about Ashland? How did I miss that?

From: Buzby, Maureen
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:30 PM
To: 'Stephanie Patton' <spatton@stoughton-ma.gov>
Cc: rellis@brooklinema.gov
Subject: RE: Letter from NECSEMA to the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health

Hi Steph,

Gee, all news to me. I didn't even know about the Ashland decision. I'll find out what I can.

I also didn't realize NECSEMA was headquartered in Stoughton.

Peter sends that 50-page doc to every BOH. Did not know he was also sending it to Select Boards. Good intel for us to have. Thank you for sharing.

And I did not realize he was sending the link to the Boston Magazine article which was NOT even-handed,

We'll try to make sure we have plenty of in-person advocacy as well as written testimony. We'll get some heavy hitters.

Stay tuned.

From: Stephanie Patton <spatton@stoughton-ma.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:52 PM
To: Reilly Ellis <rellis@brooklinema.gov>; Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Fwd: Letter from NECSEMA to the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health

Well - this is going to be exciting....

Maureen & Reilly - do you have any intel into why the BOH in Ashland went the way that they did? I am curious about what was compelling for that board in that decision.

Maureen - you were also asking about who to send correspondence...people can email Sean Leahy - see email below at the BOH and he will get it to the Board members.

i am going to make sure that Sean has access to all the info you both have shared.

thanks!

-Steph

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From: **Sean Leahy** <sleahy@stoughton-ma.gov>

Date: Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 9:57 AM

Subject: Fwd: Letter from NECSEMA to the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health

To: Stephanie Patton <spatton@stoughton-ma.gov>, Reilly Ellis <rellis@brooklinema.gov>

Hi Stephanie and Reilly, not sure if this made it your way yet. From NECSEMA

Thanks,

Sean

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From: **Debra LeBlanc** <dleblanc@stoughton-ma.gov>

Date: Mon, Nov 24, 2025 at 9:01 AM

Subject: Fwd: Letter from NECSEMA to the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health

To: Lawrence Perry <lperry@stoughton-ma.gov>, Sean Leahy <sleahy@stoughton-ma.gov>

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From: **Peter Brennan** <Peter@necsema.net>

Date: Thu, Nov 20, 2025 at 2:40 PM

Subject: Letter from NECSEMA to the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health

To: scavey@stoughton-ma.gov <scavey@stoughton-ma.gov>, droberts@stoughton-ma.gov <droberts@stoughton-ma.gov>, sdarrara@stoughton-ma.gov <sdarrara@stoughton-ma.gov>, jmokrisky@stoughton-ma.gov <jmokrisky@stoughton-ma.gov>, lgitto@stoughton-ma.gov <lgitto@stoughton-ma.gov>, health@stoughton-ma.gov <health@stoughton-ma.gov>, twmng@stoughton-ma.gov <twmng@stoughton-ma.gov>

Dear members of the Stoughton Select Board and Stoughton Board of Health,

Attached is testimony in opposition to the NFG proposal before the board of health on 11/20/2025. I will unfortunately be unable to attend, but if you need any additional information prior to the hearing please reach out.

This week, members of the Ashland Board of Health emphatically declined to pursue an NFG policy, and we would encourage you to do the same.

I also would recommend this article from Boston Magazine, which has a good summary of both sides of the issue: <https://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/2025/07/29/nicotine-free-massachusetts/>

NECSEMA is headquartered in Stoughton and pays taxes to the town. Many of our members have stores in Stoughton and are essential members of the community.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Peter

Peter A. Brennan

Executive Director

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Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>
To: Maureen Buzby <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 7:31 PM

I have been buried in work and holiday hosting/theatre. I will call Rajit tomorrow about Ashland.

Our program has been successful. The kids are heading to RI to address their addiction.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2025, at 4:31 PM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

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Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
To: Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>

Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 7:48 PM

Thanks, Shaun. I'm wondering if Mr. Brennan is exaggerating.

I love "to address their addiction". Did I tell you we went to a middle school production of the Wizard of Oz? Amazing sets, costumes, singing, acting, dancing. You forget these are just middle school kids.

Cheers,

Maureen

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