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Nicotine regulation

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Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 4:46 PM

Hi Shaun,

It's been a long time since we last spoke. I am a Substance Use Prevention Coordinator for the Needham Public Health Division where I focus on youth substance use prevention. Back in 2020 you shared your experience with implementing vaping cessation in your community. I still have my notes from our call! (we did end up implementing a youth cessation program).

I understand that your Board of Health recently approved a nicotine free generation policy and language that regulates the sale of nicotine pouches. Needham's Board of Health implemented NFG and is now looking at how they want to regulate nicotine pouches.

Would you have a few minutes to chat by phone about your town's experience with nicotine regulation? Our BOH is hosting a public hearing on June 20 and would love to get your input.

Thank you,

Karen

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Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 6:18 PM

I can call you Thursday, as I am attending a training tomorrow.

We were a bit ... devious ...

There are only two properties in town that are approved for adult sales. They are adjacent to each other. Both sell tobacco. Two other tobacco retailers are within 500 feet of them. To approve an adult only store, 3 of the four would have to forfeit their nicotine licenses. That isn't going to happen.

We can discuss Thursday.

Shaun

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Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 8:49 AM

Thank you, Shaun. I appreciate you making time to talk tomorrow, Thursday.

Would you have availability between 10:30 and 1:00? Or, around 4:00?

Best,

Karen

Karen R. Shannon

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Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 12:57 PM

Hi Shaun,

1/5/26, 2:04 PM

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Any chance you have time on Monday, 6/9, to chat for a few minutes by phone? If so, is there a time that works for you?

Thanks,

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