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To: [Leah Peavey <leah_capalbo@yahoo.com>](mailto:leah_capalbo@yahoo.com)
Date: 3/24/2025 4:24:16 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] - Re: Tobacco - NFG petition response

I admit to being confused about which letter is being worked on, too. Martin sent comments on the tobacco letter, so I guess that is the one we are working on. I'd prefer to keep it positive and angled toward why we think this is important for us to adopt. I don't know exactly what the SB thought, but I believe it is business driven and a don't impinge on my rights as an adult. Your comments on the Tobacco Letter will be appreciated.
Thanks, Wendy

From: Leah Peavey <leah_capalbo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Wendy Hansbury <hansburyw@manchester.ma.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Re: Tobacco - NFG petition response

Hi Wendy,
Ok- never mind this email- I will send you comments/edits tomorrow. Assuming the working document is the "Tobacco Letter?"
I agree with Martin that we should put something in the paper ahead of the town meeting to explain the BOH position and the new regulations as most people may be unaware of it until they see it introduced at the town meeting. Much better to be proactive.
Thanks!
Leah

On Monday, March 24, 2025, 12:15:04 PM EDT, Leah Peavey <leah_capalbo@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi- Thank you for all of the information and for you and Peter for putting together those letters. Sorry for the delay.

Are you saying that the ultimate decision was made not to send a letter to the Cricket and/pr not to send any information to be published about the recent adoption of our tobacco regulations?

From Ann Harrison's email, it seemed like the conflict was about the generational tobacco ban itself rather than the fines. Do you know if a Manchester resident had forwarded her the email? It had the talking points of Citizens for Adult Choice (which is funded by the New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketers Association).

I liked how the document labeled "Petition to Overturn Local BOH Regulations" included a rationale behind our regulation where as the "Tobacco Letter" is more about the process of passing the regulation itself.

It would help to know the motivation behind bringing it to a vote at the town meeting. Is the intent for it to be a vote against the actual generational ban or just the fines itself? I wish we could have de-escalated this via conversations with the Select Board before bringing it to a town meeting.

Thanks,
Leah

On Thursday, March 20, 2025, 11:08:29 AM EDT, Wendy Hansbury <hansburyw@manchester.ma.us> wrote:

Hello Members of the Board,

Attached are the letters Peter and I wrote to send to the Cricket. Also attached is a document with some of the comments from Peter and I in email exchanges. I hope this isn't confusing, but there was a progression of thought that ended with "no editorial in writing, call the Cricket for an interview".

Any comments can come back to me. I will send out everyone's comments before the meeting next week.

Thank you for your time,

Wendy

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