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Sent: Feb 05, 2025 15:37:06.000000000 UTC
Subject: RE: Speaker set 2/14 Nicotine Free Generation
To: Murphy, Jennifer <jenmurphy@winchester.us>

There are so many different Kratom products. Haven't recently seen Kratom soda but I bought some in an Evette Smoke Shop a few years back. And Kratom Chews.

I'll be out and about this afternoon. I'll keep my eyes open. I haven't paid that much attention lately. So many other priorities.

I'll be in Arlington and Brookline training the new Tobacco Program Manager. They have plenty of smoke shops. Smoke/vape shops tend to have the biggest Kratom inventory but convenience stores and gas station mini marts carry Kratom also. Mostly powder and capuls.

Karen probably told you I'll be presenting to the PHN's next week. She's been great to work with. No surprise there.

Sorry I missed the PHE meeting. I'll call you to give you an update.

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From: Murphy, Jennifer <jenmurphy@winchester.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 10:27 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Speaker set 2/14 Nicotine Free Generation

Hi Maureen

Have you noted any kratom drinks in our stores? Any in our region?
Thanks.

Jennifer Murphy, MPH/Director of Public Health/Winchester Health Dept./781-721-7121

From: DaCampo, Karen <kdacampo@winchester.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 10:06 AM
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FYI!

Not sure if stores in Winchester are selling drinks with Kratom but Lowell just banned this. A mom in Lowell/Dracut lost her son last year from this product in a drink and made it her mission to educate others.

Kindly,

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
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Lowell did adopt a Kratom ban.

From: Pungirum, Cesar <cpungirum@lowellma.gov>
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To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>; Ronald Beauregard <ronald.beauregard@andoverma.us>
Subject: Re: Speaker set 2/14 Nicotine Free Generation

Hey, Maureen!

Lowell adopted a ban on the sale, manufacturing and distribution of Kratom on December 4, 2024. There were a few speakers on both sides of this issue, including the family members of the person whose death is attributed to Kratom and someone who came from Virginia (I think) to oppose the regulation. For your convenience, I have included the adopted regulation here. Please note that the regulation contains the fine schedule that exceeds the scope of authority of boards of health. It seems that everyone missed this, including one of our assistant city solicitors and myself.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cesar

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