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Sent: Jun 17, 2025 15:43:43.000000000 UTC
Subject: FW: BOH update
To: Megan Manning, ASH <manningm@ash.org>

Hi Megan,
Not sure who I should address this question to. Please see email below.
Do you have any updates on action by US cities/towns/states on NFG?
That would be helpful to my North Reading MA contacts how are fighting
hard for NFG but facing opposing from the Health Director, some Board
members, and the public.
Thank you!
Maureen
BOH meeting tonight. YIKES!

From: Marci Bailey <baileynrma@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:11 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Re: BOH update

Maureen —

Do you know the status of the NFG legislation in Indiana and Hawaii? I'm googling
but unsure. Looks like it's a go in Hawaii but maybe dead in Indiana

Marci

On Jun 16, 2025, at 9:04 PM, Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Sounds like you did all you can.
It's most important of course to hear from townspeople rather
than out-of-towners. But in the event the opposition shows up
and speaks I think we should be ready to have NFG SME's on
the call ready to jump in if it seems prudent to do so.
Let me know what you think, and I can ask members of our ad
hoc group to tune in and be ready. At the very least they could
write emails if that would be helpful. Again, not town residents
but experienced professionals. They would speak and/or write
very professionally. I look to you for guidance.
Thanks for the update and all the effort to get this on the right
track. Sometimes it is just not that easy.
Best,
Maureen

From: Marci Bailey <baileynrma@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:55 PM
To: Jennifer Ford <jen.bostonicestorm@gmail.com>; Laura Miranda <lmiranda@nrcpd.org>; Amy Luckiewicz <aluckiewicz@northreadingma.gov>; Peter Majane <peter.majane@gmail.com> <peter.majane@gmail.com>; Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: BOH update
Importance: High

Hi all —

I just had a 30-minute conversation with Gary Hunt, NR BOH chair, regarding the possibility of holding a joint public hearing on NFG.

Important outcomes/info:

— There is a BOH meeting tomorrow night (6/17) at 7 p.m. There will be an NFG update toward the end of the meeting from the public health nurse. Gary said he would allow comments during that discussion. I'm not sure if we can get enough people to log in between now and tomorrow, but here is the link with the log in and agenda: <https://www.northreadingma.gov/board-health/events/125586>

— Gary said the entire BOH will need to decide, but he is, at this moment, **firmly of the mind** to take this to Town Meeting. He said he has not heard from enough townspeople in favor of NFG for the BOH to take it up; there is a minuscule chance we could change his mind, but the notice is too short to get a critical mass to the meeting tomorrow night. He did say that the BOH would co-sponsor the article and could take it up as a regulation if it failed at TM. I gave my best pitch that this not the best order, but he wasn't budging.

— We can talk about how he needs to hear from townspeople to help convince the BOH otherwise on the approach. (For one, he needs a critical mass of PERSONAL e-mails, not formulaic.)

Jen — Is it possible for you to do an e-mail to Coalition members tomorrow encouraging them to attend the BOH meeting tomorrow night? If not, I can do it.

There's much more to say, but I'll leave it at that.

Marci

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