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I think Anthony Ishak thinks HD to HD would be most helpful. Otherwise I would do it. Think it needs to be you.
Thanks!

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Hi All,

I watched the last Dover Board of Health meeting (You can watch the ~20 or so minutes between minutes 20:30-42.March 3 [here](#)) and they had some discussion after I presented to them at the February meeting. Unfortunately, they discussed the topic earlier than scheduled on the agenda so I missed it and opponents had a chance to plant seeds (though I don't think any of them were really helpful, I worry more about the director's hesitancy that they only have 2 retailers).

The next meeting is April 7 and they appear to be trying to gather information as to whether to proceed in considering NFG policy.

Their health director is Jason Belmonte (jbelmonte@doverma.gov) and the chair is Kay Petersen (kpetersen@doverma.gov). I worked with Kay for 3-7 years (I had a job change) when I was at BI. One person voiced wanting to proceed so we only need one more.

It seems like they are really looking for 2 viewpoints:

1. Experience of the youth in their schools. **Isabel and Shresta**, can you see if you can get Dover students or clubs to write-in in favor of this policy and their experiences? If they can speak on 4/7 that would be great. Email Jason and Kay along with the administrative assistant, Suzanne Hilts (shilts@doverma.gov).

2. How other communities went about implementing this policy and their experience. **Sigalle, Dean, Susan, and Anthony**; can you send them an email with the experiences of your community's implementation? **Bonny**, can you send the video of the Somerville hearing to them? **Mark and Isabel**, they were particularly interested in the Needham implementation process, can you have someone you know from Needham send them information?

I recognize that time is limited for many of you so an email to them (you can CC me if helpful, but not needed) would be great and if you can offer to talk to them or attend the meeting than that would be above and beyond. They are not having a public hearing at this time, but exploring whether it is right for them. Natick is moving forward so it would be great to move them in tandem since they border each other and it will likely lead to more seeds in that area.

Thanks

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