

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Feb 15, 2025 21:36:24.000000000 UTC
Subject: RE: Commonwealth Magazine
To: Stephen Shestakofsky <sshesta@gmail.com>

79, or 80, for that matter is just a number. I just turned 77. Again, just a number. 😊
Definitely will keep you in mind for Belmont.

From: Stephen Shestakofsky <sshesta@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 3:31 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Re: Commonwealth Magazine

Maureen,

My networks are limited. After all, I've been fully retired since 2012 and I'm approaching my 80th birthday. However, let me know if there's a hearing here in Belmont and I will plan to show up.

~~Steve

On Sat, Feb 15, 2025 at 12:47 PM Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Thanks, Steve.

I really appreciate your speaking out at every TFM meeting. You and Hank have been such staunch supporters.

BTW, we have a small but mighty band of warriors working to help move NFG out across the state. You probably know most if not all of them: Kate Silbaugh (BU Law School professor and Brookline petitioner), Anthony Ishak (MGH pharmacologist and Brookline petitioner), Mark Gottlieb, Dr. Jonathon Winickoff, et al.

We try to show up at every Board meeting where tobacco regulations are being discussed and also at every NFG-related public hearing of course. But our crew can get stretched pretty thin. Let me know if you have any interest in joining up. We're all volunteers, doing this in addition to whatever else we do for our full-time jobs. Need more helpers and need more personal connections in municipalities that have not yet adopted NFG. Let me know...

Thanks again,
Maureen

From: Stephen Shestakofsky <sshesta@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 6:17 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Re: Commonwealth Magazine

Maureen,

Thanks so much for the update. You are doing an amazing job!

I hope TFM will get on board soon, despite the issues that the national organizations have. They don't have to work on it. Others will. After all, it's not like the bill will pass this session

Keep up the fight!

~~Steve

On Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 7:29 PM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Thank you for pushing TFM to get onboard, Steve. That was an hour-long interview with the Commonwealth Beacon reporter and they end up with, of course, the lamest quote. Oh well, worth a try. I'm going to meet with a Canadian reporter Sunday morning. He's in town for a conference and has interviewed others on both sides of the policy. We'll see how that goes. Good meetings with Amherst and Natick last week. Mansfield met last night and the Health Director

mentioned NFG. They want to hear more. Hopefully we'll be on the agenda for their March meeting.

Northampton is meeting again this coming Thursday night.

Somerville will hold a public hearing in March. Cheryl Sbarra and my colleague Bonny Carroll met recently with Sam Lipson in Cambridge.

I presented to the Northeast chapter of Mass Public Health Nurses today. They may want to do a webinar for state-wide members. I'm going to meet with the Worcester Public Health Nurse in the near future.

So, yes, lots of activity.

We're not giving up!

Best regards,

Maureen

From: Stephen Shestakofsky <sshesta@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 6:54 PM

To: Lisa Phillips <Lisa.Phillips@cancer.org>

Cc: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

Subject: Commonwealth Magazine

Lisa,

TFG is gaining publicity. This article quotes Maureen Buzby:

<https://commonwealthbeacon.org/health/eight-massachusetts-communities-crack-down-on-youth-tobacco-use/>

As you (and Maureen) know, I'd like to get TFM on record on this issue.

With best wishes,

~~Steve

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Stephen Shestakofsky

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