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Sent: Apr 04, 2025 13:46:31.000000000 UTC
Subject: Re: NFG
To: Maureen Buzby <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

I'm off today. I'll check in next week but bottom line. The CP is basically nonexistent in Berkshire County and Pittsfield is a very politically charge blue collar Town. We have our work cut out for us.
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On Apr 4, 2025, at 9:22AM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Ouch.

What do you think the next step is? If they do hold a public hearing we can get SME's out to Pittsfield. It's best to have local residents. And especially local students. Do you have any connections in the schools?

Do you know if they have an 84? Or any afterschool clubs? Health oriented? Environmental? LGBTQI?

Who's the CP?

Sounds like we need to rally.

Would it help to give the HD and Board more data? Cheryl S is putting together a PowerPoint presentation for a certification program for tomorrow. She mentioned some good nic pouch data. I don't want people to get fixated on pouches (that's a distraction in my mind and causes people to miss the big picture) when the Tobacco Industry will continue to come up with new products – products designed to appeal to kids as well as products that slip through loopholes.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

MB

From: Jim Wilusz <Jim@tritownhealth.org>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
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Overall, it was positive in the board of health fully recognizes the intent, but trying to put together a community input in strategic ways is gonna be challenging, especially when we have zero help from the tobacco free community partnership it was the routine stuff saying doing it down by town, only benefits surrounding towns in the loss of revenue, etc. but overall it was OK although when I left after an hour and 45 minutes of talking, they all followed me out to my car I thought I was gonna be lynched.

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 8:37:08 AM
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Wish I had known I would have tried to zoom in. Did any of the pro NFG AME's zoom in. Was it an official hearing? Will there be a hearing?
I did "attend" Amherst meeting - virtually.
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> On Apr 4, 2025, at 7:19 AM, Jim Wilusz <jim@tritownhealth.org> wrote:
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> Last night at the Pittsfield boH we continued our nicotine free generation conversation and about 20 retailers showed up in opposition. There's a lot of work to do in this community. I'm not sure where it's going to go anyway we can connect maybe next week no hurry.

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