

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>

Sent: Sep 25, 2025 14:46:12.000000000 UTC

Subject: RE: Next NFG meeting

To: Rich, Zachary <Zachary.Rich@bmc.org>

I did not.

I will be updating everyone via email shortly as there are some things for us to be thinking about and I don't want to wait until the Oct. 6 meeting. Stay tuned.

Thanks!

MB

P.S. see q below highlighted in yellow

From: Rich, Zachary <Zachary.Rich@bmc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Rich, Zachary <Zachary.Rich@bmc.org>
Subject: Next NFG meeting

If you did NOT get the message below by Google Groups please let me know!#####

Hi everyone,

Hope everyone is staying dry these days. I decided to move our meeting to Monday due to various conflicts with Boards of Health and weekly meetings with the 84 movement.

Agenda for now:

1. Tritowns recap Does this mean both Tr-Town Council (Middleton/Topsfield/Boxford SAP Coalition) and Tri-Town BOH (Lee/Lennox/Stockbridge)?
2. October updates on South Hadley/Amherst
3. Feedback on GoogleGroups

I will send this meeting reminder out by email as well but hopefully after this any messages can be sent by posting to GoogleGroups or sending an email to NicotineFreeGeneration@googlegroups.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone then! Zoom link below
Zachary Rich is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: October 6th NFG
Time: Oct 6, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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<https://bostonmedicalcenter.zoom.us/j/91630603988>

Meeting ID: 916 3060 3988

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Join instructions
<https://bostonmedicalcenter.zoom.us/meetings/91630603988/invitations?signature=hUn2hRo3oIJGztOMCkKBhwgk524-QzdYu7TS9Rh769I>

Best,
Zack

On Jul 15, 2025, at 2:31 PM, Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

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Isabel,

I thought that was very good coverage for us, and who could be better advocates than the three of you? The main opposing argument was about freedom for adults, and you responded to that specifically.

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 9:59 PM Isabel Tashie <isabeltashie@gmail.com> wrote:

It's a bummer that not everyone got to speak. I'm not sure who has seen this, but NBC10 posted their video from today: <https://www.nbcboston.com/news/politics/mass-lawmakers-consider-bill-banning-tobacco-sales-to-all-born-after-certain-date/3766955/>. Shresta, Mark, and I were able to speak in it, but there were also a lot of retailers. A shorter version has been uploaded by NBC to Instagram and TikTok, and the comments are pretty opposed to the policy. Not sure if public response to media coverage, especially social media, is something we're as concerned about, but just wanted to bring it up. I definitely agree about continuing to work on the local level first. I'm pretty available to help and testify wherever for the rest of the summer and during the fall.

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 9:55 PM Ginny Chadwick <ginnychadwick@brandeis.edu> wrote:

Apparently there was legislators who asked for their bills to be moved up...and our bill sponsor did not (per staff response to my email making sure I didn't miss hearing my name online).

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On Jul 14, 2025, at 8:35 PM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

I didn't use my prepared remarks (I was hoping to save some time so Mark G. and Chris Bostic could testify) so I will send them in.
Cheryl Sbarra texted that she was on online waiting to testify but didn't get in. I don't know how many others that happened to.
I'm trying to find out why NFG was last. Couldn't figure out the order. Not that we can do anything about it but just wondering....

From: Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 8:19 PM
To: Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Re: 6PM MA NFG 7/14 zoom

My guess is that the committee members, after both a long morning and a very long afternoon of hearings, must have been bleary eyed. It is hard to believe anything anyone said after 3:00 PM could have been processed, which means all of ours and all of our opponents.

The obvious exception is our high school students, who were fabulous and memorable, as well as the other students who spoke on other bills.

We should write up and send in our own testimony, as well as ask others to send it.

One important difference between our legislation and several of the others that came before the committee, is that ours does not require a state budget item. The towns and cities will pay tiny amounts for new signage, and enforcement will be little different than it is now.

I like the idea of the same designated birth date statewide, but don't like losing the headstart we have in our current municipalities.

BTW: There actually are **seventeen** municipalities that have approved NFG. Conway in Franklin County was the most recent.

[Brookline](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Belchertown](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Chelsea](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Concord](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Conway](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Hopkinton](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Malden](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Manchester-by-the-Sea](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Melrose](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Needham](#) [en.wikipedia.org], [Newton](#) [en.wikipedia.org]

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and [Winchester\[en.wikipedia.org\]](#).

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 7:58 PM Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

They are the committee on public health. There will be other hearings that will be harder *and* we don't know what written testimony was submitted. My suggestions:
1. ask anyone you know to submit testimony to the committee, they accept until they vote
2. talk to your rep/senator and see if they will co-sponsor the bill. The more we get to them now the less numbers for the opponents as this advances.
3. We need more towns and cities to adopt this!!!!

Anthony Ishak Pharm.D. BCPS
he/his/him

On Monday, July 14, 2025 at 06:51:42 PM EDT, Gregory Sawicki <drsawickiboh@gmail.com> wrote:

The positive testimony far outweighed the opposition.
I do think this committee will be receptive.

Greg

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2025, at 6:11 PM, Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

I think we got all of our main points across. I would like to hear from the bills' sponsors as to how we should proceed.

Should we arrange to meet each of the members of the Joint Committee in person, or would that be a waste of time? This is a process, but it was a good start.

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 4:19 PM Kate Silbaugh <kbsilbaugh@gmail.com> wrote:

Cancelling! There's no way we can meet at 6:00, this hearing runs until 6:00 and may run over.

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 1:09 PM Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

Joint Committee On Public Health (LEG)
to Ryan, Daniella, Sarah, me, Joint

Hi Ken,

Thanks for reaching out. I am confirming we have you on our list. Virtual links have been distributed early this morning. The virtual invitation link can also be found below:

[Join the meeting now \[teams.microsoft.com\]](#)

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On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 1:05 PM Heather Warner <hwarner@collaborative.org> wrote:

Can you send me the link to get into the hearing to testify? I registered Thursday but can't find the link

Heather Warner, MPH ([she/her/hers](#))

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On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 1:04 PM Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

I am also in the waiting room. I only received the link after a special request, though they said I was on their list.

On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 1:02 PM Ginny Chadwick <ginnychadwick@brandeis.edu> wrote:

I am in the waiting room for the hearing. Others?

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On Jul 14, 2025, at 12:01 PM, Silbaugh, Katharine
<silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

We had a previously scheduled MA NFG meeting tonight at 6. I understand that people may feel spent by the Statehouse event today, but I'm still circulating a zoom link and those who are able can join. Agenda will be review state house and continue discussion of town prospects to hit the ground running when boards resume meetings in September.

Best, Kate

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