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Subject: RE: Somerville hearing
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Yes. Bonny is working with them. She works with Lovelee regularly. The youth are great. They are ready. They can't wait! I'd really like to see a college age person talk about what they see on their college campus. The increase in the use of pouches for instance. Know any 20-30 year-olds?

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Hi Maureen,

Have you already been in touch with Lovelee and the group of young people that she works with?

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The Somerville NFG public hearing is set for March 20th. I'll let you know time and location when that is confirmed.

Meanwhile we want to make sure we have as many advocates there as possible, especially those who live or work in Somerville. Next to Chelsea this is the most critical hearing yet. Several other communities are waiting to see what Somerville and Cambridge do (Medford and Belmont to name a couple).

Do you know any Somerville residents, or any Tufts students, or any health care professionals who work in Somerville who would be willing to testify in person. A letter of support is welcome of course but in-person testimony is most critical. I think there may be one or

two or a few City Councilors who will speak out in opposition (as in Chelsea). Need to make sure we have balance.

Do you know any young people? Any educators? Coaches? Youth workers?

I'll reach out to Dr. Randi Sokol, the CHA doctor who testified at both Malden hearings. She's a pediatrician with a specialty in adolescent addiction. She'd be great if she's willing. And if she's available.

Thank you!

Maureen

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