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Sent: Apr 16, 2025 14:22:13.000000000 UTC
Subject: RE: Support for NFG in Hopkinton
To: Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov>

Ha ha. Like we said. It takes a moment to wrap your head around it. We know!

From: Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Re: Support for NFG in Hopkinton

No I haven't heard a word. I assumed she was waiting for the other TAs to weigh in before she did next steps. Unsettling that she's out. Karin's out if office email says she's at a two day conference today and tomorrow so maybe Cheryl's at same one? Don't know. I don't want to tell Karin myself though I guess I'll have to at some point if Cheryl doesn't.
At dinner last night I mentioned it to Shannon and Michael (Shannon's boyfriend and a Stanford and Oxford graduate) and Michael kept saying, "so wait. Blah blah blah, huh?" And Shannon stared blankly. Lol

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 10:00:52 AM
To: Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov>
Subject: RE: Support for NFG in Hopkinton

P.S. Did you ever hear anything from Cheryl? I just got an out-of-office message from the last email I sent her.

From: Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 9:58 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
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Good! I think Ed is pretty responsive. CPs not so much!
By the way just fyi im in brooklyn til the 25th. Shannon in surgery as we speak.

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 9:54:37 AM
To: Bonny Carroll <bcarroll@somervillema.gov>
Subject: FW: Support for NFG in Hopkinton

Just for info...

This is what I sent to the CP's. And then forwarded to Ed.
Not hoping for much but we'll see.

From: Buzby, Maureen
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 9:46 AM
To: Ed Rand <erand@hria.org>
Subject: FW: Support for NFG in Hopkinton

Hi Ed,
Please see email below. Should have copied you in the first place.
Does Hopkinton have an 84 Chapter? Or is there a chapter nearby that might be able to provide youth testimony at an upcoming hearing?
Thanks!
Maureen

Good morning,
Hopkinton BOH voted to hold a public hearing so all interested parties can weigh in on NFG.
We'll be looking for support from local residents, students, parents, educators, youth serving institutions, health care providers, and others.
Tobacco Control advocates will show up to support this important public health policy, but we often get criticized as "outsiders". The criticism comes from tobacco industry reps, who are of course themselves outsiders.
To buffer against that argument, it is helpful to have as many local community members as we can round up.
Unfortunately, I am not well connected in Hopkinton. We would appreciate any help you can provide given that Hopkinton falls in your catchment area.
When I was gathering support for communities in my region that were considering NFG, I reached out to the local hospital (which is owned by Tufts Medicine – who was kind enough to give us a letter of support), local high schools (school nurses, guidance counselors, health educators, school adjustment counselors and the like), as well as the local YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, and other youth serving organizations. It's great to have local health care professionals- - family practitioners, oncologists, cardiologists, pulmonologists, etc. We were also able to get letters of support from CHA (Cambridge Health Alliance),

Winchester/Lahey Hospital, and Emerson Hospital. I have copies of their letters if that helps. I also have contact info for government relations staff in each of the above-mentioned hospitals.

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if I can do anything to help you.

Do you have the tool kit released by MTCP? There's a good one-page explanation of NFG as well as an FAQ. We have other materials also.

No date for the hearing has been set yet but we expect it to be sometime in May.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Best regards,

Maureen

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