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Subject: RE: Winthrop and beyond...
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I love East Boston. **Best** place to watch a sunset. We go to Piers Park on summer evenings just to hang out. We play Rumikub and wait for the sunset. Picnic tables. Public restroom. Police on bicycles. Very clean. Very safe.

There's the coolest community sailing club there - -with an adaptive sailing program!

The ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art) has an annex gallery.

If you haven't already, walk down the length of the marina pier. Still some leftover street art from a Harbor Arts program years ago.

Great area to walk – you can go from Piers Park, past Jeffries Point, all the way over to the Airport Hilton Hotel. I don't drink but a glass of wine at the outdoor patio seems like a fine idea.

Have you read the inscribed stones at Eagle Hill.? Interesting and inspiring.

Enjoy your time there. The weather is getting better – I think.

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I secretly moved to East Boston/Eagle Hill (secret only because it was the week before the Somerville hearing) and am happy in any way helpful to pop over to Winthrop. I will be leaving Boston for the summer to be at my Missouri house, likely May 15 to August 15, but still available remotely in that time period.

Maureen, props to you with TFM. Head shake, and its ok if they get sick of you.

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On Apr 10, 2025, at 10:01 AM, Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Bonny, great news! Thanks for the update on Winthrop.

We'll have to make sure we have youth at each of these upcoming hearings – assuming some of these “positive” initial meetings go to hearing. But probably not too early to start looking for youth now. We got chastised a bit in the Dover meeting earlier this week – no Dover residents although Isable read a letter from a Dover youth. The Board suggested that the youth herself attend. NOTE: Board was especially impressed with Isabel and noted that it takes courage to speak at a meeting like this.

Wonder if there is more work we can do to get youth engaged. Thinking about high school civics classes. Could we propose that high school civics classes offer a real like civics project on how to become engaged in how government works, or something like that.

What about writing to guidance counselors? Or school nurses? Or vice principals? AD's or Wellness Directors. Or whoever is usually in charge of community service for those schools that have a community service requirement for graduation? Maybe a letter from Jonathan – with Isabel's flyer???

Public Health Nurses Association?

Have we written to every Boys and Girls Club in the state?

Or all Massachusetts YWMCA's and YWCA's? Many have community projects for youth. Boy Scouts? Girl Scouts?

Wish our TA's were more actively supportive. They are reactively supportive.

I'm still working on TFM. They are going to be so sick of me. If you are not already a member, perhaps become a member. If you are a member, you can attend the next Advocacy Committee meeting. April 24, I think.

I was disappointed that the 84 material handed out to legislators last week did not focus more on NFG. The 84 seems to be focused more on menthol – which is covered with our five year-old state-wide flavor ban.

I'd suggest DESE but I think budget cuts are much more top of mind for them.

I don't have high hopes for MIAA either. But if anyone has other thoughts....

Haven't heard back from Mass Medical Society. Or any of the other organizations I wrote to a while back. I can try again but I don't think I have the right title/right stationery. I don't think some associations are looking to work on something suggested by a regional tobacco prevention person.

Unfortunately, many of our Tobacco Program CP's (Community Partnership) people have not yet engaged. It was brought up in a Zoom meeting of Tobacco Program managers yesterday – not NFG-specific but just generally, "Where are our CP's and what are they doing?" I have reached out to the CP director in the past. She seemed receptive to helping us identify local supporters but I have heard nothing since. They are RE-focused. Well....

Sorry for the brain dump. Concerned that we may see more Dover's. "Where are the local students?"

I wish I had time to organize outreach. I just don't – at least not at this time. Seems like a good project for a college level intern, or a high school student with the skill level of Isable and Shresta. Not necessarily an intern in the medical field but some other field if anyone knows of anyone, anything.

Thanks for listening,
Maureen

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Subject: Re: Lee/Lennox/Stockbridge

Hi All

Here's an update on Winthrop board of health meeting Tuesday. This is a new board. The chair was a member before this but the other two are new though they are long time community activists.

I presented NFG to them and they were surprised in a good way that such a policy could happen and impressed the the court upheld the policy.

They are very interested. I left them with full packets of info to read and will schedule a follow up with them next week. Seems pretty hopeful! Fingers crossed.

Bonny

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I am always happy to send the NFG Guide. I have many copies.

--Mark Gottlieb, PHAI Please excuse mobile text errors

On Wed, Apr 9, 2025 at 7:45 PM Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

Those are great, and I'd add the FAQ and one pager for understanding the framework.
Sent from a handheld device

On Apr 9, 2025, at 6:14 PM, Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

I usually include the 4 articles attached (Needham study arguing against cross-border leakage, Kate's NEJM, the projected impact on lung cancer, and the Wood paper showing that cost to businesses is overblown even though this does not impact current business practice).

The lung cancer data is particularly striking-Lee is twice the state average and also double the average for youth retail density.

I'd also see if they have the YBRS for the 3 towns.

Anthony Ishak Pharm.D. BCPS
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On Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 06:56:44 PM EDT,
Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Quick update on
Lee/Lennox/Stockbridge. Just did a
short presentation. I kept within time
allotted and I think that was appreciated.

I was torn about whether to try to have
others from the NFG Task Force
involved. Jim Wilusz advised against it.
He wanted a low key, "prime the pump"
type presentation. So glad I listened.
The board had a pretty heavy agenda.
They listened politely and had no
questions at the end. However, they did
take me up on my offer to send
additional information. It seemed
sincere. They wanted to make sure I
would follow through.

I'll find out from Jim the best way – send
everything to him and have him put a
packet together for the Board, or
everything piecemeal. I'm thinking that a
packet of info will best but I'll wait to
hear.

A couple of Board members made very positive remarks. I think they will be receptive. I believe they will have a more in-depth discussion at their next meeting. Hopefully they will vote then to move forward with a public hearing the following month but not sure that it will happen that quickly.

Thoughts about what materials to send without overwhelming them? We want them to be able to read and absorb whatever we provide?

Thanks!

Maureen

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