

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

Sent: Dec 23, 2024 18:56:16.000000000 UTC

Subject: Re: Google Alert - Ashfield

To: anthony ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>

Cc: Jonathan Winickoff <jwinickoff@mgh.harvard.edu>; mark@phai.org <mark@phai.org>; Katharine B Silbaugh <silbaugh@bu.edu>; Chui, Anthony <achui@CityofMelrose.org>; Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com>

Great idea!

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On Dec 23, 2024, at 12:43 PM, anthony ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

Jonathan

See below as some BoH still think there may be legal challenges. I'm wondering if we can double dip and have your survey either explicitly state that no further legal challenges remain or that PHAI will pro-bono support then have the questions. That at least can get info out to more communities.

Ken, do you want to reach out to the relevant people in Ashfield and tell them via email (no need to consider the public hearing since it is so soon) about Belchertown's decision and maybe allay their fears of action and uproar? They are in Western Mass so a more local person might be helpful.

Maureen-maybe add Ashfield to the youth list request?

On Dec 23, 2024, at 9:24 AM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hmmmm.... Good question. If MTCP doesn't I wonder if we can get a list from DOR. I'll ask my DOR contact.

P.S. Good checking my accuracy, Anthony. I totally read Ashland when it clearly said Ashfield. 🙄

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On Dec 23, 2024, at 11:34 AM, Mark Gottlieb <mark@phaionline.org> wrote:

I'm actually in Springfield that day, but I'm not sure that showing up would make any difference now. I will send an email for now to Gerjuoy and board members with an eye toward revisiting this in the Spring.

--Mark Gottlieb, PHAI Please excuse mobile text errors

On Mon, Dec 23, 2024 at 11:13 AM anthony ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

This is Ashfield not Ashland and is a much smaller municipality since they only have one store. Mark, it might be worth sending them a letter providing them with information that they are safe from legal action with NFG and a PHAI provide pro bono legal support. I can't attend the January 7 meeting as I already have plans that evening. Maureen, does your group have a list of municipalities with zero or one store? If not, do we know if any other groups have that list.?

On Dec 23, 2024, at 7:24 AM, Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Ashland sounds like a no go. Sounds like they were barely willing to update their regs to match state law. Worried about putting municipality at legal risk.

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