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Subject: Re: MA NFG Task Force - Pittsfield update

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On Jan 8, 2025, at 9:38 PM, Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

this is a link to the meeting
7:00 PM Room 211 The Programs & Services
Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm that the public
may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend
this meeting via Zoom use this link: [https://newtonma-
gov.zoom.us/j/88383261449](https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/88383261449) or call 1-646-558-8656 and
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Susan Albright, Newton City Council
Councilor-at-Large, Ward 2

On Jan 8, 2025, at 9:37 PM, Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

IF YOU CAN HOP ON NEWTON ASAP we need it I will send link

On Jan 5, 2025, at 9:05 PM, silbaugh@bu.edu wrote:

1. survey and emailing BoH

**2. Review our approach to hearings (i.e talking points, strategy),
and target towns for reaching out**

3. Town updates:

4. Wikipedia site

5. Roboemail impact

Sent from a handheld device

On Jan 3, 2025, at 8:28 PM, Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

I'll touch base with Jim Wilusz to find out what the "other" tobacco policy is. Hope it's not nicotine pouch restriction. That seems to derail NFG.

Ken, not sure about in-person attendance. Bobbie mentioned more than once that this was their "initial" meeting. Meant to introduce NFG to Board members but not to have a public discussion. She really wants to avoid having members of the audience chiming in. That will happen if and when they go to a public hearing.

I wonder if attending virtually would be best. If a question comes up that I can't answer or feel you or Kate could answer better maybe I could say, I believe so and so is on Zoom and he/she is the real expert..." Something like that.

I really want to respect the admonition that they want no one other than those on the agenda speaking.

I also want to respect the time constraints. Bobbie asked me to focus on why we decided to pursue NFG in my area and how we rolled it out. I think this meeting will be quite a bit different from the Somerville meeting where they were already interested and primed to learn more about NFG and to ask very thoughtful questions.

All that said, I am often wrong so go with your gut.

Maureen

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Would it be helpful if I came in person? I expect to go to a BoH meeting in Ashfield (not yet posted for Tuesday) and to one in Pelham (on Thursday).

I don't think Ashfield plans to discuss NFG, but if they let me speak, I will explain our thinking in passing it in Belchertown.

Pelham would be our first town that does not have any retail dealers nor does it have a Tobacco Regulation. We would ask them for support for our efforts, since they would be included in our town-count.

On Fri, Jan 3, 2025 at 2:58 PM Mark Gottlieb <mark@phaionline.org> wrote:

Thanks, Maureen! That's fantastic!

I might just add that, whatever Jim's proposed policy is, it will be synergistic with NFG. Like with T21, the enthusiasm around a promising policy with momentum creates wonderful opportunities to advance a more comprehensive local public health agenda. This is, I think, a key reason why it won't take decades for NFG to make a big difference.

-Mark

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update

Hi all,

I'm sharing this in advance of our next call so anyone who cannot participate on the call next week will be privy to this info and also to save time in the event that we have other important agenda items to discuss.

I had a good conversation yesterday with Bobbie (Roberta) Orsi, Chair of the Pittsfield BOH. She is very, very interested in NFG. The meeting next week will be her Board's first discussion of NFG. She said it's a good board with one NP, two physicians, a nurse, and one housing person. Five-member Board, she's the nurse. I sent her the one-pager, the FAQ, and the pediatrician's letter. She read them all. She's comfortable with the policy.

I explained how some of the other initial or informational meetings have gone and how they have sometimes been hi-jacked by the opposition. She is prepared. I will be on the agenda as a guest speaker. Jim Wilusz will go first. Jim is the HD for several communities out in Western MA and also a long-time Tobacco Program manager. He will be discussing another tobacco policy they are interested in. Then I will introduce NFG. I will have about five minutes followed by time for questions.

She told me Jim is not totally onboard yet, which I knew from my conversation with him. But Jim did connect Bobbie and me.

She also said she has received a call from one city councilor who told her not to adopt this regulation.

She said that they have received many emails in opposition – and they

haven't even had it on an agenda yet.
I explained the origin of all those robo emails.

She said addressing municipal leaders' concerns will be important. That they tend to be very retailer friendly.

She wants me to briefly explain how/why we did this policy in my region and especially how we engaged the community.

"See" you next week.

Maureen

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