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Subject: Re: NFG Survey - Town Follow Up

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Hi Anthony,

Thanks so much for your message! Please find the updated data set, attached. We are now up to 87 responses after I re-contacted all towns that were yet to respond.

I certainly appreciate your point regarding sending the survey to all towns at once. Unfortunately, due to limitations in personnel working on compiling a database of emails for all municipalities, it took us about 2 months to build the complete database of health director and board member contacts; in hopes of getting responses as rapidly as possible, we decided to send out the survey in stages to the contacts we did have, rather than wait for the complete database to be complete. Luckily, at this point we now have a pretty complete email database, so in re-contacting towns I have been able to contact all towns at once! Of course, given the relatively low response rate to each survey wave, even when all towns are contacted at the same time it may deceptively appear from the data that only a few towns were contacted each survey wave. I hope that helps clarify!

I would be happy to attend tomorrow evening if someone might be able to pass along the time and virtual link to the meeting?

Thanks so much,
Matt

On Sat, Jun 7, 2025 at 9:52 PM Anthony Ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Matt

I'm one of the primary organizers of this group so it would be helpful for me to have the list so I can update our Google Sheet and also for our meeting Monday. Also, I would like to again recommend that the survey be sent out to everyone as we have been losing ground to the opponents who are reaching out to towns/cities faster than we are. From the last survey data that was shared by Emara, we heard that one group has decided not to revisit NFG since they have done their update for the year.

If I get the list in time for Monday then I will incorporate it into the agenda otherwise our focus will be on Rockport preparation and learning from our 2 May municipal battles.

Anthony

Anthony Ishak Pharm.D. BCPS
he/his/him

On Monday, June 2, 2025 at 09:57:10 AM EDT, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Thank you, Matt, I believe our NFG Team is meeting next Monday evening (June 9th, virtually) and hopefully can use some of the meeting time to figure our next steps. I don't like to see too much time go by between when someone indicated "high interest" and when we follow up with them.

Best,
Maureen

From: Matthew Reynolds <mattrey97@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 7:42 PM
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Hi Maureen,

Thanks so much for your message and my sincere apologies for the slow reply. That certainly makes sense! Please let me know if it could be helpful for me and/or others to attend the meeting on June 9th – I would love to if possible.

I completely understand re: fluid situation and it is very encouraging to hear of all of the progress. We have now contacted almost every town in the state, but I suspect it will take a few rounds of contacts for more towns to reply. I realize that unfortunately prevents us from getting data from a single snapshot in time, but hope the data can still be helpful.

Thanks again,

Matt

On Tue, May 27, 2025 at 10:27 AM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Thanks for the email and for sharing the spreadsheet.

I think it would be a good idea for us to review these one-by-one at our next NFG Team Meeting (June 9th) and figure out what our next steps should be.

We don't want to let any of these - especially those with high interest - to slip through the cracks.

We may already be talking with or have some connection to some of the communities. I think we need to update the spreadsheet with current status, especially if one of us is already working with any of these municipalities. The survey was a snapshot in time and fortunately this is a

fluid situation – meaning there may have been more progress in some than is indicated on this spreadsheet.

Others on this email may have other ideas.

Thanks again,

Maureen

From: Matthew Reynolds <mattrey97@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 3:29 PM

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Hi Team,

I hope this message finds you well! For those of you I may not have had the opportunity to meet -- I'm Matt, a med student helping out Dr. Winickoff with the NFG survey planning and data collection.

I know Ginny suggested this earlier this month, but given we are now starting to accumulate survey responses, it would be terrific if we could begin sending info out to towns to help them in taking the next step. I would love to hear others' thoughts on the best way of strategically doing this. Perhaps we could start with sending out the FAQ, one-pager and sample regulations to interested towns and then request the opportunity to discuss further at a BOH meeting. If this is the strategy we ultimately decide to take, I'd be happy to put together that email for further review/edits. Let me know your thoughts and feel free to add anyone I may have missed to this thread!

I have attached a spreadsheet of the most recent response data. In the meantime, we will continue working on trying to gather as many survey responses as possible.

Thanks so much,

Matt Reynolds

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