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The Zoom link for the 5 PM Amherst meeting is: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/82090485756>

The meeting will begin with public comments and then revisit body art and then tobacco regulations.

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On Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 8:02 PM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Thanks for your great updates. Any more info on Leveritt? We're still trying to figure out if NFG is going to be on the agenda and should anyone try to attend for the public participation portion of the meeting and just make an offer to come to a future meeting to speak to the board about NFG?

Thanks!

Maureen

From: Heather Warner <hwarner@collaborative.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:11 AM

To: David Gottsegen <daveygmd@gmail.com>

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Hi All,

A couple of updates based on conversations with BoH in WMass:

South Hadley's next meeting is April 8th. I had a text exchange with Karen Walsh Pio, a board member, asking if she thought SHadley had interest and ability to pass NFG. She mentioned Ken coming to the meeting and said the initial discussion was positive and that she supports it and it sounded to her like Sharon Hart the health director was supportive. I asked if I could come to the April 8th meeting and she said she could put me on the agenda for April 8th BUT wanted to check with other board members because she felt they got the information they needed from Ken and David G. Karen said that Sharon reached out to Jake Oliviera their senator to see if they didn't need to pass anything because the state would pass it? Jake was honest and said not to hold their breath - in part because Maura Healey is seeking re-election. She asked if I would be adding anything different than Ken and David. I said I wondered if there was anything more needed to help the board decide. She said SHadley was in the process of hiring a new prevention Coalition Coordinator and wants to wait until they are on board to include them in the discussion and process. In the end, she said they will put NFG on the April 8th agenda...So I will plan to go even if I am not invited per se.

Amherst BOH meeting is Monday, April 3rd

I will be in Boston 4/3 for ENUFF DAY. Not sure I can get back in time or if I can possibly join in the car while driving.

Northampton BOH met Thursday, March 20th

No nicotine on the agenda--but there was nitrous oxide; kratom and Delta 8. I was not able to go for public comment.

Ware (BoH meeting met March 16 at 6:30) NOT NFG but they met because they were planning to reduce their regulation to state only regs. This needed to be stopped! Merridith and I attended. Merridith was great and in the end they are only proposing to eliminate higher pricing on little cigars. The hearing will be at their next regular BoH metg. Heather is working to get some young people to attend.

Westfield

I had a long conversation with the Health Director and she is overwhelmed by other BOH issues. I can't find my notes but we talked for a good 20 minutes. Basically she said her board members often need to hear things a few times before they feel ready to act, and they can be a hard sell.

Leverett April 7th? [first Monday]

I have a conflict the evening of April 7.

Also, I spoke with **Devin Streeter, My counterpart in Hampden County** and he's interested in being involved--there are now three 84 chapters in Springfield that Devin is in touch with. Devin's email is: dstreeter@gandaracenter.org. I can loop him in when there is a Hampden County community.

Thanks!

Heather

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PLEASE NOTE: I was selected to serve on the Hampshire County Grand Jury and as a result I will be unavailable every Monday from 9am-4pm through May 1st.

On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 8:45 PM David Gottsegen <daveygmd@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for your yeoman efforts, Ken!

Have a great, well-deserved vacation.

Dave G

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On Mar 16, 2025, at 12:46 PM, Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

As you may know, I am leaving for an extended period. (Please keep reasonably confidential: someone in the past announced it at a televised meeting for the entire world.)

Nevertheless, we have several pending decisions that would be very good to cover in person. In date order, but **always confirm**, since meeting dates sometimes slip:

- Buckland Wednesday, March 19th (5:00 PM, remotely?) Not yet posted.
- South Hadley Thursday, March 20th
- Northampton Thursday, March 20th
- Amherst Monday, April 3rd
- Leverett April 7th? [first Monday]
- Westfield Heather; any news about interest?

Note that three of these are this week.

Getting young people to testify would be terrific if it could be done. A BoH member in Amherst pointed out the widespread nicotine use at Smith College.

Heather, would you be able to contact people, both here and in the Boston area?
Some may want to join remotely, if that is possible, though I always think in-person has greater effect.

I will be in email touch, but the time differences will make even remote attendance impossible

Thank you!

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