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Sounds similar to what Ross is doing in Marin. Best wishes!

On May 4, 2025, at 1:19AM, Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

Pelham is my neighboring town of Belchertown, and it is the smallest of our three towns in the Quabbin Health District. It has no nicotine dealers, though they did some years ago. I attended two of their meetings, including the one where they endorsed NFG. They were receptive to the idea that NFG would be better for us in Belchertown if one of our dealers could not just open a store across our border. We already include Pelham as one of our NFG communities, based on that formal resolution.

However, they realized that without having any Tobacco Regulations, they are open to "who knows what" if anyone wants to open a new dealership, subject only to state regulations. For this reason they had drafted actual regulations, which I believe will be the subject this week. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend.

I spoke on Friday with Andrea Crete, our shared Health Director, asking about the prospects. She said that NFG is included in the draft regulations. I have a sense (I was at their first discussion of the regs) that the rest of their regs are weak. They suddenly changed to caring about some unknown future retailer rather than about their existing young people. Nevertheless, weak regs are probably better than no regs, and it includes NFG. I would not want to rock-the-boat for stronger regulations otherwise, especially since these regs will not affect anyone immediately anyway.

I do encourage you to speak at the public hearing. I will try to get some local people to come. I have requested the link.

Thanks.

--Ken

BTW: I return home from Europe on Friday. I'll have an anecdotal summary after I return.

On Sun, May 4, 2025 at 2:58AM John Maa <maa_john@yahoo.com> wrote:

Go Pelham!



Pelham poised to become 2nd in
Hampshire County to adopt nicotine-
free generation policy
gazettenet.com

On May 1, 2025, at 9:38 PM, Jon Berrick <tobaccofreegeneration@gmail.com>
wrote:

The [attached article](#), on policymaker and expert reactions to the UK's SFG
legislation, may be useful for your negotiations.

It's also on our Sync site.

Jon

<Davies_UK policymaker expert perspectives SFG_BMJPublic Health25.pdf>

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