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Sent: May 07, 2025 01:48:26.000000000 UTC
Subject: Re: ceremonial tobacco - - Hopkinton
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Thanks Dick, Kate -- nice article!
Attached version for nonsubscribers.

Jon

On Wed, 7 May 2025 at 10:41, John Maa <maa_john@yahoo.com> wrote:

This is amazing!!!! Support for the statewide bill. Definitely adding to my slide deck
Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2025, at 5:28 PM, Richard Daynard <r.daynard@phaionline.org> wrote:

Major story in the Boston Globe today about Brookline and
NFG: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2025/05/06/business/massachusetts-nicotine-free-generation-brookline/>

On Tue, May 6, 2025 at 12:40 PM John Maa <maa_john@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thanks Maureen. This is really helpful. As we move into the final month to prepare for the AMA resolution and policy in Chicago - I think we can set the Sacred Tobacco topic to the side. No need to made the debate more complex, and we are well prepared to answer if needed.

This is a very important topic for elsewhere to be discussed, so will encourage those separate paths

It is interesting to see which organizations are stepping up in support for the AMA resolution, and which remain on the sidelines.

On May 6, 2025, at 7:39 AM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

For those of you on other email threads, sorry for so many emails this morning. Wanted to share the response I received from Sharun McAuliffe, the Hopkinton Health Director.

He doesn't seem worried about the Board member who objected to NFG because of her tribe's ceremonial use of tobacco. But he would like to be kept informed as he promised to amend the tobacco regs this summer. Clearly he wants NFG passed now.

From: Shaun McAuliffe <smcauliffe@hopkintonma.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:01 PM

To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

Subject: Re: ceremonial tobacco

I believe that we are set. I stated that I would amend the regulation to allow ceremonial tobacco this summer. I would love to be cc'd on anything that might be drafted over the next several months.

I can't get a feel on who might be showing up from the anti-NFG side. I'm getting many form letters. Nothing more. I have a community meeting on Thursday to prepare them for the regulation and garner participation at the hearing.

As for the weather, Simone and I just returned from San Antonio. We need the rain and it beats the high heat and humidity.

Shaun

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 1:37 PM Buzby, Maureen
<mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi Shaun,

Hope all is well. Other than this dreary weather, that is. There is a discussion at the national level about NFG and ceremonial tobacco. And one of your Board members brought it up as well.

Do you think we need to do any outreach to her or do you think she is reasonably comfortable that we are addressing commercial tobacco and not ceremonial tobacco?

Please let me know if there is anything you think we can/should do.

Thanks,
Maureen

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