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I would like to attend the Lee/Lenox/Stockbridge meeting in person in July.. Is that possible?

BTW, Lenox has only one "N".

On Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 12:22 PM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Anthony Ishak invited me to do a BRIEF update during tonight's NFG Team meeting. To save discussion time I'll provide my update in email form.

Also, I'm going to a wake in Norwood this evening and am not sure of my timeliness for our meeting.

Lee/Lennox/Stockbridge: Jim Wilusz reported that they will have NFG on the agenda for their July meeting. Jim may (MAY) be looking for SME. I'll keep you posted.

Middletown/Topsfield/Boxford: Meredith Shaw is stepping down from her role as head of the Tri-Town Coalition. Nicole Gregoire-Allis is the new director. I don't know her (yet). Meredith said the Coalition doesn't meet June-August. Nicole is working on Coalition's schedule for 25/25 school year. They had some momentum but that seems to have slowed down. Hope to see it pick up in the fall. They face the same "freedom" arguments. The Coalition created a good NFG poster that I will share with you.

North Reading: The BOH will not be pursuing NFG. Not surprised. CIT Director Amy Luckiewicz and Coalition Steering Committee Chair Marci Bailey were thinking of taking it to Town Meeting. Hold on, I'm just the messenger. I am trying to talk them out of going that route. I shared the Bellingham experience with them. We have a zoom meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning to discuss further.

Rockport: I'll invite Joyce Redford to tonight's zoom meeting but not sure she will join us. I'll try to get more info about Rockport. If Bonny is on the call tonight, she can explain some of her Somerville Health Department colleague's connection to Rockport.

I emailed some of my contacts last night. If I receive more updates I'll add to the above.

TFM: Quarterly meeting last week. Vice Chair Hank Dorkin read the testimony he presented to the MMA resolution committee (not sure of the proper title). MMA will vote today, tomorrow, or Wednesday on whether or not to formally support NFG. Fingers crossed. Hank's remarks may be included in the minutes of TFM's meeting. If they are I will forward when I get them. Worth a listen.

Best,

Maureen

P.S. Ken, I want to contribute to the Bellingham post card production and mailing cost.

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