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Hi Ken -

It is a discussion only, not a hearing. As I understand it from Bonny, the purpose is to discuss other proposed amendments to the city's tobacco regulations and NOT NFG. However, Bonny reported that the local NPR affiliate (either WGBH or WBUR) reported that tonight's meeting will discuss a "tobacco ban." This wording suggests that our opponents are trying to create negative interest by sending the station this news scoop.

City councilor Ben Ewen-Campen posted this on his Facebook page:

Ben Ewen-Campen, Ward 3 City Councilor

Somerville's Board of Health is considering a total ban on the sale of all tobacco products (including e-products) to anyone born after Jan 1, 2005, period. Will be discussed at their meeting tmrw

1/23 <https://www.somervillema.gov/.../01/23/board-health-meeting>

Thoughts? Email: health_webcontact AT somervillema DOT gov

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On Thu, Jan 23, 2025 at 12:05 PM Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

I just read on the Newton thread that Somerville will hold a hearing tonight. Should we pay attention? (I am putting this on the Somerville thread.)

The agenda item reads as follows, which would not be a public hearing:

"Discussion of Draft Model Regulations, "Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoke Accessories – Bonny Carroll"

On Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 9:32 PM Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

Special kudos to Anthony Ishak who put in a lot of work there, and also, Susan Albright who really did prepare her councilors for the discussion. Very intelligent high level conversation and just overwhelming vote that had to reflect a lot of phone calls.

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On Jan 21, 2025, at 9:25 PM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Newton City Council just passed NFG 19-4-1. WHEW! I was so nervous watching. You did yourself a favor if you didn't watch live. However, I recommend watching the recording at some point. The Council president's comments at the end were pretty powerful. Not about the vote. But about the process.

BTW, the presential inauguration was brought up a couple of times. Very interesting...

Newton – number 13. First by City Ordinance.

From: anthony ishak <aishakpharmd@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 10:45 AM

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I agree with an alternate date in February. Ideally earlier if the youth and we are organized. The less time for opponents to prepare, the better.

Also, if the Newton vote goes as expected with a restriction date of 3/1/2004 then we should highlight that at the meeting Thursday and encourage Somerville to use an earlier date than 1/1/2005. This accelerates momentum in that more places are doing it AND THEY ARE DOING IT FASTER.

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On Jan 20, 2025, at 10:21 AM, Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

That would be ideal

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On Jan 20, 2025, at 9:36 AM, Bonny Carroll
<bcarroll@somervillema.gov> wrote:

Or again—getting emails slowly—we can ask for another date in February for sure.

From: Silbaugh, Katharine <silbaugh@bu.edu>
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I agree completely with Ginny that this month is better than February vacation. I wonder whether she has clarity on whether the hearing is this week or next month? Thanks!

From: Ginny Chadwick <ginnychadwick@brandeis.edu>
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 12:49 PM
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So it looks like NFG is on the agenda, the question then is for public hearing or just further discussion?

I strongly urge us NOT to hold the public hearing in Somerville at the next February BOH meeting. The meeting falls during the week of February break and I heard from many of our youth when working with them at their SPF meeting that they will be out of town/unavailable that week. I also had parents willing to testify who will be unable to attend that week due to break travels. I don't think it good form to have a public hearing when the public is away (unless you really want to get something through without public input). So maybe we ask for the hearing to be the week before or after February break, or the following week. Thoughts?

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On Jan 18, 2025, at 10:59 AM, Anthony Ishak
<aishakpharmd@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi All

For the sake of consistency and organization, I have titled this string for Somerville's upcoming hearing. Please use this string for *any and all Somerville info*. This will help keep it organized for everyone and make it easy to find info.

I saved the support letter attached in the google drive.

As of now the topic is on the agenda for Thursday January 23 @6pm. I'll defer to Bonny and Ginny who are taking the lead on organizing us for Somerville.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/somervillema-live/s3fs-public/2025-01/board-of-health-agenda-20250123.pdf> [s3.amazonaws.com]

Ginny/Bonny, let us know when you have more details and when you ready for support letters and speakers. An MD at my Chelsea clinic who lives in Somerville overheard Dean and I discuss this and she is interested in sending a letter. She also has a friend who lives there and works for the FDA in tobacco policy (for now). I'm also having lunch with friends on Monday that live in Somerville and can get a letter out of them.

Our next NFG meeting will be 1/27, Zoom link to follow along with agenda.

Have a peaceful MLK weekend,

Anthony

Anthony Ishak Pharm.D. BCPS

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<Karin Carroll.PDF>

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