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Election year in Boston.

I got no reply in Wellesley a few months ago but will be trying tot meet with Sen. Creem which might be an avenue.

Sent on the go

On Jul 16, 2025, at 11:40 AM, Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

I'll check back in with Nykisha Harding – the Boston Tobacco Program Director. I know she asked for a meeting with Counsel. Counsel not Council.
As Mark said, a real heavy lift and a long onramp. But...

From: Mark Gottlieb <mark@phaionline.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 11:27 AM
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Boston would be a real reach at this point. It would require a few city councilors and the mayor's support for the BPHC to move forward, I think. What about Wellesley? Is that a neighboring town that might go at the same time at Natick?

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On Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 10:29 AM Shresta Chakilam <chakilamshresta@gmail.com> wrote:

Adding on to this, I agree that we should spread the word and maybe get more grassroots support for NFG.

Also, unfortunately Natick is leaning on the side of no for NFG, their main concerns are that there is no neighboring towns also adopting the policy. Additionally, they mentioned that if a big town like Boston adopted it, it would make a model for other towns in MA. Do you know if we could do that?

On Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 10:27 AM Ken Elstein <kenelstein@gmail.com> wrote:

Isabel,

Good idea about op eds.

This points to perhaps arranging a meeting to discuss overall strategy. Our Zoom meetings tend to be more into discussing town-by-town needs.

We all agree that we need to add more towns, each of which has its own issues. On top of that, a meeting devoted exclusively to consider macro strategies, like op eds,

would be something we could do before September.

For example, I testified on Sunday before the Democratic State Platform Committee, as much to open a door as to possibly getting support for the state legislation.

Tobacco-21 was a successful political model, so we should not get too far off track.

On Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM Isabel Tashie <isabeltashie@gmail.com> wrote:

I know we've spoken about it before during weekly meetings, but would it be helpful if we tried to submit more op eds to have more control over the media narrative? I know Peter Brennan and some others have been submitting op eds of their own opposing NFG.

On Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 9:22 PM Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

In case you haven't seen...

Quite a bit of press coverage. Some of it fairly accurate.

The Herald said "dozens of retailers in opposition". I don't know about you but I didn't see dozens of retailers.

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