

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Richard Arnold, Chairperson, Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj and Kim Netter

Staff: Abbey Myers, Acting Director of Health, Maureen Foley, Clerk
In attendance Eric Duhaime, Melissa Geddie, Dustin Poole

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for April 17, 2024
(Amirtharaj, Arnold) (3,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Approval of an Permit applications for:
7 Traits Genomic – 155 Arlington Street

Dustin Poole, Manager gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Arnold asked about the types of materials samples is 7 Traits testing. 7 Traits will receive human, animal and plant samples. Ms. Myers questioned the number of employees 7-Traits has hired. Please submit a workman's comp. insurance. Mr. Arnold asked about the screening in terms of diseases in the samples.

Ms. Netter made a motion to recommend approval of a permit for 7 Traits.
(Netter, Arnold) (3,0)
Roll Call

Diagonal Therapeutics – 200 Arsenal Yards Boulevard #220

Eric Duhaime, Senior VP gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Melissa Geddie , Drug Discovery explained the DNA capabilities. Mr. Arnold asked about infectious materials on site. Dr. Amirtharaj inquired what direction Diagonal is heading. Ms. Geddie stated they were working on blood disorders. Mr. Arnold asked about Diagonal's antibody work .

Mr. Arnold made a motion to recommend approval of a permit for Diagonal.
(Arnold, Amirtharaj) (3,0)
Roll Call

Ms. Myers stated the regulations will begin on July 1, 2024 to serve as an education period. Registrations will be required by December 31, 2024. The Regulations provide accountability to all who have dumpsters at their place of businesses, multi housing units and construction sites.

Department Update

1. Ms. Myers stated the regulations will begin on July 1, 2024 to serve as an education period. Health posted the legal notice that the BOH approved the Watertown Dumpster Regulations.
2. PH nurse applied for a hoarding grant
3. PH nurse is providing additional CPR classes
4. ACO is hosting a dangerous dog hearing class and several municipalities are attending.
5. Ongoing noise at Newlywed Foods has been found and the part will be replaced.
6. HR has received HO applications but we are waiting for more before reviewing them.
7. Health has prepared education materials for both rodent prevention and mosquito and tick information

Items that could not be anticipated before meeting/future meetings

Mr. Arnold asked the board if they are receiving many emails about NFG's. These emails are about not restricting nicotine sales in the community. These emails are from Watertown but outside entities. Nicotine sales are determined at the local level not statewide.

Next Meeting

June 26, 2024

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM
(Arnold, Netter) (3,0)
Roll Call