



Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM
REMOTE ONLY

Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 7:00PM. Location: REMOTE ONLY
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- E. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/83188312663>
Meeting ID: 831 8831 2663

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- 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Review of Draft Minutes of July 17, 2024
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. Biosafety Committee Amendment:
 - A. Kymera Therapeutics – 500 North Beacon Street
 - 5. Staffing and Department Updates
 - A. General Department Updates
 - 6. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
 - 7. Adjournment

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday July 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Richard Arnold, Chairperson, Kim Netter

Staff: Abbey Myers, Acting Director of Health, Maureen Foley, Clerk
In attendance Jacob Turner

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order 7:03 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for May 15, 2024
(Netter, Arnold) (2,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Approval of an Permit applications for:

Parallel Biosystems – 200 Dexter Avenue

Jacob Turner, Head of Immunology gave a short presentation of the company's activities.
Mr. Arnold made a motion to recommend approval of a permit for Parallel Biosystem.

(Arnold, Netter) (2,0)
Roll Call

Department Update

1. Health has hired a new Health Officer and she is starting 8-12-2024.
2. The mosquitos tested by the state do not have EEE or West Nile Virus.
3. Health had a table to distribute information at the Farmers' Market on 7-3-2024. BOH wants copies of these fliers and brochures.
4. Ms. Myers stated she is in contact with an organization that places sunscreen at city parks and recreation areas. This may happen next spring 2025.
5. Health is in the process of creating a bid document for pest control for health and city buildings. The state has protocols for pest control for schools. BOH wants a copy of the bid once it is completed.
6. Library and city hall are cooling centers. Fire chief determines heat emergencies.
7. The nuisance dog owner at 870 Belmont Street did not appear in court on 7-12-2024. The judge issued an injunction.
8. Situation with a resident living in unsanitary conditions, elder protective services are involved. The resident is not compliant.
9. Ms. Netter asked if City Council or BOH can help to accelerate some of these cases. Per Ms. Myers, housing issues are under state statutes.

10. Health has received more wildlife calls including bats to be tested for rabies, animal cruelty cases.
11. SSRS has helped 125 households with resources. Wayside is hiring another employee to assist with caseloads.
12. Dumpster regulations were effective on 7-1-2024. Health has issued warnings and fines to ensure businesses and residents remain compliant.

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Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM

(Arnold, Netter) (2,0)

Roll Call