

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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

Staff: Abbey Myers, Acting Director of Health, Maureen Foley, Clerk
In attendance Michele Picard

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order 7:06 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for July 17, 2024
(Netter, Arnold) (2,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Approval of Amendment applications for:

Kymera Therapeutics – 500 North Beacon Street

Michele Picard, Director of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities and the additional vivarium. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if Kymera has plans to do recombinant work in the future with the animals. The answer is no. Dr. Amirtharaj questioned the processes of euthanizing the animals on site.

Ms. Netter made a motion to recommend approval of an amendment to approve Kymera.
(Netter, Arnold) (3,0)
Roll Call

Department Update

1. Health has a new Health Officer and she is started 8-12-2024.
2. The mosquitos tested by the state have detected West Nile Virus. This is considered a moderate level.
3. Health had a table to distribute information at the Farmers' Market on 8/21.
4. The nuisance dog owner at 870 Belmont Street did not appear in court on 7-12-2024. The judge issued an injunction. Health has starting to receiving complaints about the dog not on leash.
5. Health is in court with a long-standing hoarding case. The court assigned a receivership.
6. Health is involved with complaint-based inspections from housing to rodents.
7. Health inspected a restaurant with a history of violations. The establishment has hired a consultant to train employees.
8. Health has received the first shipment of flu vaccines.

9. State supplied a small amount of COVID test kits.

Dr. Amirtharaj questioned the range of complaints and the rodent issues. Ms. Netter referred to the nuisance dog case and the results. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if there was a rise in pertussis in Watertown.

Next Meeting

September 18, 2024

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM

(Arnold, Netter) (3,0)

Roll Call