Biosafety Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Remote Participation 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 Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00PM. Location: Remote Participation Only

B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/88536131731?pwd=bEU1d3JLa0JrU25ZTXpTdUpBUEI5UT09

C. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 885 3613 1731

D. Public may comment through email: amyers@watertown-ma.gov

E. Please Visit the Biosafety Committee Website here: https://www.watertown-ma.gov/398/Bio-Safety-Committee-Biotechnology

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1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of Minutes
   A. Approval of draft minutes of October 10, 2024
3. Public Comment
4. A vote to recommend approval for a permit to BOH
   A. Mechanobiologix, LLC – 155 Arlington Street
5. Additional Business
6. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
7. Future Meetings
8. Adjourn

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES
The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Brad Parsons, Chairman, Deb McEwan, Mia Lieberman, Tim Maguire, Maureen Foley, Clerk, Abbey Myers, Director of Health

In attendance: Sibhon Branch, Corey Martin

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:06 pm

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Minutes
Minutes approvals for September 5, 2024
All Approved

Public Comment
No Public Comments

Permit Applications:
Abkyu – 155 Arlington Street
Caroline Beaudreau, Co-Owner gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Parsons asked about the number of employees. Mr. Parsons mentioned the CHP should be an employee. The committee stated the application was thorough. Dr. McEwan inquired Abkyu is in a shared space, the other company is also a BSL2 tenant.
Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions:
(Parsons, Lieberman,) (4,0)
Roll Call

Amendments:
Enanta Pharmaceutical, Inc – 4 Kingsbury Avenue
Sean Place, Environmental Health and Safety Specialist gave a short presentation of the company's move to 4 Kingsbury Avenue and the plan for their vivarium. Mr. Place explained there are various vendors hired for different aspects of the move. Dr. Lieberman asked about the animals will be transported to the new location. Mr. Place stated all new animals will be purchased for the new vivarium. Dr. Lieberman inquired about the caging. Mr. Place stated initially Enanta will use disposable and then convert to metal caging with an autoclave washer. Dr. Lieberman stated the layout presented is not the layout in the application. Dr. Lieberman questioned COVID virus as non-replicating and the vendor. She stated additional precautions need to be taken for dengue virus. Please send the updated layout to health. Mr. Parsons inquired about the waste transported and collection. Mr. Parsons questioned the solvent dispensing ie dichloromethane. Enanta plans to be in the new location on 10/28/24 and the IACUC walk through on 11/11/24.
Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:
1. Requested COVID source and vendor less one gene.
2. Requires Certificate of Liability with the City of Watertown as the holder.
3. Certificate of Occupancy from the City
4. An updated and complete layout of the three floors.

(Parsons, Lieberman,) (4,0)
Roll Call

Permit and Registration application edits
Reviewed registration applications and renewals
Made edits to the online registration applications
Reviewed permit applications and renewals
Made edits to the online permit applications
Dr. Lieberman will complete a form to be completed and uploaded to the online application.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be November 7, 2024

Adjourn
Adjourned at 8:50 PM

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