



Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 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, January 15, 2025 at 7:00PM. Location: Remote Only
 - B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
 - C. Public may comment through email: amyers@watertown-ma.gov
 - D. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/83188312663>
Meeting ID: 831 8831 2663
 - E. Please Visit the Board of Health Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/176/Board-of-Health>
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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Review of Draft Minutes of November 20, 2024
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Staffing and Department Updates
 - A. Discussion on Body Works Regulations
 - B. Year End Wrap up
 - C. A new BOH member will be confirmed by February meeting.
 - D. General Updates
- 5. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
- 6. Next meeting
- 7. Adjournment

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday November 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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

Staff: Abbey Myers, Acting Director of Health, Maureen Foley, Clerk Officer
In attendance Jae Hun Kim, Corey Martin

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order 7:01 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for October 16, 2024
(Arnold, Amirtharaj) (2,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Approval of permit applications for:
Mechanobiologix, LLC – 155 Arlington Street

Jae Hun Kim, co-owner gave a short presentation of the company's activities.
Dr. Amirtharaj inquired about manipulating tissue and are the samples a biohazard. Mr. Arnold inquired if Mechanobiologix is replicating beyond academics.

Dr. Amirtharaj made a motion to recommend approval permit to approve Mechanobiologix.
(Amirtharaj, Netter) (3,0)
Roll Call

Department Update

1. Focusing on food inspections before the end of November.
2. Food Establishment renewals have begun along with tobacco, biosafety and hens & bees.
3. Health completed flu clinics and homebound patients.
4. Received the bid for pest control and Buono was the only submission.
Mr. Arnold questioned the only bid. Dr. Amirtharaj stated Watertown remains to have rat issues even though we use Buono presently. Dr. Amirtharaj stated we need different approaches to this issue. Ms. Netter questioned the standards required and methods used to mitigate rodents.
5. Health is evaluating the compliance with dumpster regulations.
6. Dr. Amirtharaj asked about the status of Body Work facilities.
7. Mr. Arnold is retiring from the BOH in early 2025.

Next Meeting

December 18, 2024

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

(Arnold Amirtharaj (3,0)

Roll Call

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