

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Richard Arnold, Chairperson, Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj

Staff: Abbey Myers, Acting Director of Health, Maureen Foley, Clerk Officer
In attendance Sean Place, Carolyn Boudreau

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for September 18, 2024
(Arnold, Amirtharaj) (2,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Approval of permit applications for:

Abkyu – 155 Arlington Street

Carolyn Boudreau, co-owner gave a short presentation of the company's activities.
Mr. Arnold inquired use of alpaca and llamas for research and where is the farm. Dr. Amirtharaj asked about the use of alpaca and llamas for science purposes.

Dr. Amirtharaj made a motion to recommend approval permit to approve Abkyu.
(Amirtharaj, Arnold) (2,0)
Roll Call

Approval of amendment applications for:

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. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if the new facility is an upgrade or upscale. Mr. Arnold questioned the infectious agents used. Mr. Arnold inquired about the securing hazardous waste in common areas.

Dr. Amirtharaj made a motion to recommend approval amendment to approve Enanta at the point the COO and COI are provided.
(Amirtharaj, Arnold) (2,0)
Roll Call

Department Update

1. Focusing on food inspections before the end of November.
2. Food Establishment renewals have begun.
3. Health has had flu clinics and three more are scheduled. Public health nurse is providing homebound vaccination.
4. Health announces the clinics through social media, Community Outreach employee and Wayside.
5. Rodent complaints have slowed down a bit. Health and Public buildings are going out to bid for Pest Control.
6. Body Work facilities and employees are not under state regulations for sanitation, sex trade and human trafficking. Health would like to permit at the municipal level like Newton and Waltham. There are 15 body work businesses in Watertown. Mr. Arnold stated we can look at regulations, costs and resources needed in the other cities that have regulated these businesses. The BOH would be interested in looking into this issue.

Next Meeting

November 20, 2024

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

(Arnold Amirtharaj (2,0)

Roll Call