



# Biosafety Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Remote Participation Only

## Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

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- A. This meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 7:00PM. Location: Remote Participation Only
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  - D. Public may comment through email: [amyers@watertown-ma.gov](mailto: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 July 10, 2025
3. Public Comment
4. Permit applications to be reviewed:
  - A. Vida Vinci – 66 Galen Street
5. Amendment to be presented:
  - A. Dyno Therapeutics – 343 Arsenal Street
6. Additional Business
  - A. Amending vivarium regulations
7. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
8. Future Meetings
9. Adjourn

# BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on  
Thursday July 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Brad Parsons, Chairman, Mia Lieberman, Tim Maguire, Deb McEwan, Maureen Foley, Clerk,

In attendance: Terry Walker, Sara Zaghlul, Keith Crawford, Ann Marie Zavacki, Brian Gallagher, Brandon Linz, Linda Elstein, Cris Yordan, Kaylee Schickel, Drew Chong, Michael Dube, Kirsten Sharpe, Catherine Fink

**CALL TO ORDER:** Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:09 pm

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### Minutes

Minutes approvals for June 5, 2025

All Approved (4,0)

### Public Comment

No Public Comments

### Permits to be reviewed

#### **TACs Bio Sciences – 19 Coolidge Hill Road**

Andreas Mershin, Owner, gave a short presentation of the lab's activities. Mr. Parsons stated your IBC is complete with community members.

Dr. Lieberman made a motion to recommend approval of this application to the BOH without conditions

(Lieberman, McEwan) (4,0)

Roll Call

#### **Lifemine Therapeutics – 66 Galen Street**

Simon White, Triuvirate, gave a short presentation of the lab's activities. Lifemine has a library of 100,000 fungi. Mr. Parsons ask about waste generator and questioned if Lifemine needs a DEA permit. Dr. Lieberman asked about bacterial E.coli and the freezer storage. Dr. Lieberman asked if the BSL1 and BSL2 fungi are stored in the same freezer. Ms. Sharpe stated all material is treated as BLS2. Dr. McEwan appreciated there were no BSL3 and using an abundance of caution.

Dr. Lieberman made a motion to recommend approval of this application to the BOH without conditions

(Lieberman, McEwan) (4,0)

Roll Call

### **General Fluidics – 313 Pleasant Street**

Terry Walker, VP of Assay Development, gave a short presentation of the lab's activities. The lab is using cat, dog and human blood. A committee member asked if chemical waste is generated.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of this application to the BOH without conditions  
(Parsons, Lieberman) (4,0)  
Roll Call

### **Topo Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue**

Drew Chong, Owner, gave a short presentation of the lab's activities. Mr. Parsons asked about the Chemical Hygiene Plan and stated to edit the VSQG.

Dr. McEwan made a motion to recommend approval of this application to the BOH without conditions  
(McEwan, Parsons) (4,0)  
Roll Call

### **Nano Diagnostics, Inc – 66 Galen Street**

Catherine Fink, VP of Product Development, gave a short presentation of the lab's activities. With the use of wafer technology and a finger prick of blood can determine head injuries. Mr. Parsons asked about how the ovens are powered. Dr. McEwan asked about the screening of blood and questioned the precautions. Dr. Maguire was impressed with this technology.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of this application to the BOH without conditions  
(Parsons, Lieberman) (4,0)  
Roll Call

### **Other Business:**

1. Amending vivarium regulations
2. Rectifying ZOOM link issues

### **Future Meeting**

Next meeting will be August 7, 2025

### **Adjourn**

Adjourned at 8:03 PM