



# Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
REMOTE 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 Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:30PM. REMOTE ONLY
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<https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/83188312663>  
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- 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Acceptance of Minutes
    - A. Review of Draft Minutes of October 22, 2025
  - 3. Public Comment
  - 4. Review permit applications for:
    - A. Foghorn Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue 501
    - B. FTGEN – 155 Arlington Street
  - 5. Hearing on Body Work Establishments
    - A. Sunflower Spa – 32 Mount Auburn Street
    - B. Health Hall – 2 Bigelow Avenue
  - 6. Vote on determination of Bodywork establishments
    - A. Sunflower Spa – 32 Mount Auburn Street
    - B. Health Hall – 2 Bigelow Avenue
  - 7. Staffing and Department Updates
    - A. New hire
    - B. Bodywork inspections
    - C. Department updates

8. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
9. Adjournment

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
REMOTE ONLY  
MINUTES  
Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj, Jessica Malenfant

Staff: Abbey Myers, Director of Public Health, Reilly Ellis, Regional Tobacco Collaborative Coordinator

In attendance: Camil Sayegh, Alberta Zoummar, Kevin DePalma, Divya Krishnamurthy, Ruiben Feng, Kevin Quigley, Mizanur Rahman

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Amirtharaj called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

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**Minutes**

Minutes for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were tabled until next meeting. Minutes for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were approved.

Dr. Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve minutes for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

(Amirtharaj, Malenfant) (2,0)

Roll Call

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Review of Permit applications for:**

**Psivant Therapeutics Inc. – 66 Galen St.**

Camil Sayegh, Chief Science Officer, VP Bio Discovery gave a presentation about the lab's activities and safety precautions. Dr. Amirtharaj confirmed they submitted their missing documentation.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve.

(Amirtharaj, Malenfant) (2,0)

Roll Call

**ChemPartners- 480 Arsenal Suite 160**

Kevin DePalma, Senior Research Associate, gave a short presentation of the lab's activities. ChemPartner is a CRO. The vivarium will be operable by the end of the year. It is managed and maintained by CRADL. Dr. Amirtharaj confirmed they submitted their missing documentation.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve.

(Amirtharaj, Malenfant) (2,0)

Roll Call

### **Tobacco Hearing**

Reilly Ellis, Regional Tobacco Collaborative Coordinator, stated on Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>, Independence Z sold Zyn to an underage buyer. It was stated that the salesperson did not ask the buyers age or ask for identification.

Alberta Zoummar, owner of Independence Z, is not disputing the sale to a minor. She is disputing the \$1000.00 fine and 3-day suspension. Reilly Ellis stated that the BOH has limited power in this situation as it was a state violation. Independence Z has now put software on their computers where it pops up asking to scan ID for tobacco and nicotine.

### **Determination on Tobacco Violation**

The Board determined that a violation did occur and the violation was upheld.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to uphold violation.

(Amirtharaj, Malenfant) (2,0)

Roll Call

### **Review of Tobacco Regulations**

Abbey Myers went over the FY 2025 Sample Regulation Restricting the Sale of Nicotine Products checklist for policy decisions. Reilly Ellis was on hand to answer any technical questions. Discussion on potentially taking part in Nicotine Free Generation. Board went over checklist and Abbey will use checklist to draft regulations.

### **Staffing and Department Updates**

- Department had conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> round interviews for Health Officer position. Awaiting approval from City Manager.
- Regional mosquito testing concluded in early October. Watertown is seeing a decrease in mosquito activity.
- The start of the renewal period, staff is reviewing renewals for food, tobacco, and other permits that are coming in.
- Created a group for bodywork inspections, hoping to have inspections soon.
- Potential training to send staff member for biosafety.
- Last CPR class for the year is full.
- Next sharps collection day is December 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Remaining Flu Clinics located at the Watertown Free Public Library

- Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:30
- Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-1
- Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-1

### **Next Meeting**

Scheduled for November 19, 2025

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:12 PM