

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**REMOTE ONLY**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday September 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

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

Staff: Abbey Myers, Director of Health, Maureen Foley,  
In attendance: Stephen Berasi

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Amirtharaj called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

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**Minutes**

Minutes were approved for August 20, 2025 and September 17, 2025  
Tabled to October meeting

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Approval of Permit applications for:**  
**Ingenia Therapeutics – 490 Arsenal Way #100B**

Stephen Berasi, VP Bio Discovery gave a presentation about the lab’s activities and safety precautions. Ingenia is using large molecule therapeutics. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if Ingenia is using human cell lines.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve.  
(Amirtharaj, Malenfant) (2,0)  
Roll Call

**Review of Tobacco Regulations**

Tabled to October meeting. There will be a discussion related to the timeline for the BOH vote and public hearing.

**Staffing and Department Updates**

1. Body Works letters were mailed to 19 establishments.
  - a. Inspections will be conducted with either Zoning or Police
  - b. Only 3-4 applications have been received
2. Sharpes drop off kiosk is in place and box fills up 2 times a month.
3. Vaccine clinics for first responders has begun. The schedules for seniors and the public will be published on the website and Watertown News.

4. WNV has been raised to HIGH due to surrounding communities
5. Our health officer resigned, we have 14 applicants.
6. Dr. Amirtharaj asked about the sunscreen campaign. At FOTS, all 300 UV bracelets were distributed.
7. Dr. Amirtharaj asked about updates on the trash strike. Health has sent out a few solutions for food establishments.
8. Ms. Malenfant asked if there would be insect repellent dispensers in the future  
Ms. Myers stated Health gave out 3 different kinds of insect repellent at FOTS.

**Next Meeting**

Scheduled for October 15, 2025

Possibly an alternative date.

**Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:36 PM