

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**REMOTE ONLY**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday August 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Kim Netter, Jessica Malenfant

Staff: Abbey Myers, Director of Health, Maureen Foley,  
In attendance: Linda Scott, Arshill Master

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kim Netter called the meeting to order 7:32 pm

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**Minutes**

Minutes were approved for July 16, 2025  
(Netter, Malenfant) (2,0)  
Roll Call

**Public Comment**

Ms. Scott inquired about the status of the las inspections from the health department.

**Approval of Permit applications for:**  
**VidaVinci – 66 Galen Street**

Ashill Master, Protein Scientist gave a presentation about the lab’s activities and safety precautions. Vida is targeting undruggable diseases. Ms. Netter questioned the targeting and what diseases Vida are looking at. Ms. Malenfant asked if this is IPSC based. Dr. Master stated the lab is only working on treating humans and is peptide based.

Ms. Netter gave motion to approve.  
(Netter, Malenfant) (2,0)  
Roll Call

**Review of Tobacco Regulations**

Tabled to September meeting.

**Staffing and Department Updates**

1. Deanna Earle, Health Office left the Watertown Health Department
2. Body Works letters were mailed to 17 establishments.
  - a. Inspections will be conducted with either Zoning or Police
2. Sharpes drop off kiosk is in place and box fills up 2 times a month.
3. Health has received 120 rodent complaints. Health investigate all complaints in See Click Fix and Open Gov.

- a. Commercial dumpsters are not getting emptied.
  - b. Under most circumstances, health can determine where the rodents are originating from. Due to the trash strike, it has become more difficult.
  - c. We are working with Sustainability Manager to make the pollinator gardens free of rodent harborage.
  - d. Home compost piles attract rodent activity. The Black Earth is the best way to dispose of food waste. Raised garden beds also minimize rodent activity.
4. CPR classes are continuing, and the Public Health Nurse had a sharps event on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  5. Flu vaccines are beginning to arrive with the high dose first.

Ms. Malenfant asked the sharps kiosk could be advertised on social media and at the library.

**Next Meeting**

Scheduled for September 17, 2025

**Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:09 PM