



Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid meeting in person Louis P. Andrews Upper
Conference Room (third-floor conference room), 149
Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472 and via ZOOM

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:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026** at 7:00 PM. Location: Hybrid with in-house Louis P. Andrews Upper Conference Room (third-floor conference room)
- B. The in-person meeting will also be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television) on Comcast Channel 22 or RCN Channel 13 and can be streamed online at: <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
- C. Public may comment through email: amyers@watertown-ma.gov
- D. Please Visit the Board of Health Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/176/Board-of-Health>
- E. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/83188312663>
Meeting ID: 831 8831 2663

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1. Call to Order
 2. Review of Draft Minutes of February 18, 2026
 - A. Draft minutes February 18, 2026
 3. Public Comment
 4. Review permit application for:
 - A. NeoSplice Therapeutics – 155 Arlington Street
 5. Tobacco Violation Hearing:
 - A. Bus Stop Variety – 121 Galen Street
 6. Vote on determination of tobacco violation:
 7. Staffing and Department Updates
 8. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
 9. Adjournment

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj, Chairman, Kim Netter, Jessica Malenfant
Staff: Abbey Myers, Director of Health, Maureen Foley,
In attendance: Zane Jaafar

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

Minutes

Minutes were approved for August 20, 2025, October 22, 2025 and November 19, 2025
Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve minutes.
(Amirtharaj, Netter) (3,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Permit applications for:
Cidnam, Inc. – 200 Dexter Avenue

Zane Jaafar, Founder, gave a presentation about the lab's activities and safety precautions. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if Cidnam is making a more efficient bio reactor. Ms. Netter asked if Cidnam was approved without conditions by the WBSC.

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to approve permit.
(Amirtharaj, Netter) (3,0)
Roll Call

Department updates:

Ms. Myers, Health Director, gave a presentation to the board for 2025.
The subjects she covered are below:

1. New employee, Health is fully staffed
2. Cases the department worked on during the year.
3. Nuisance cases due to the trash strike.
4. Rodent issues.
5. Food inspections
6. Pool inspections

7. Body work inspections
8. Public health nurse activities
 - a. 206 doses of flu vaccine
 - b. 7 doses of flu vaccine for homebound patients
 - c. 14 CPR classes
 - d. 4 sharps event
 - e. Blood pressure events
 - f. TB cases and follow ups
 - g. Sharps kiosk at the Parker building
9. Animal Control activities
 - a. 7 rabies samples sent to State lab
 - b. 4 cruelty cases
 - c. 6 residential hens permits
 - d. Avian flu cases
10. Trainings
 - a. Bloodborne pathogen training
11. Sunscreen dispensers at the recreational properties starting this spring
12. Civics Academy with the other city's departments.
13. Faire on the Square/Farmers' Market

Additional Business

Bar'cino - 47 Main Street, food variance is tabled until March meeting

Next Meeting

Scheduled for March 18, 2026

Adjournment

Dr. Amirtharaj gave motion to adjourn.

(Amirtharaj, Netter) (3,0)

Roll Call

Adjourned at 7:49 PM