

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 15, 2019

Watertown Administration Building, Third Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Chairperson Dr. Barbara Beck, Secretary; Richard Arnold, Board Member.

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health, Kristel Bennett, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Karen O'Reilly, Animal Control Officer

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Straus called the meeting to order 7:08 pm

Minutes: Minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved with corrections (Beck, Arnold 2nd) 3-0.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Animal Control Concerns - 24 Pilgrim Road

The Board heard Karen O'Reilly's, concerns about 24 Pilgrim Road for potential unsanitary conditions and five unlicensed dogs. The Board heard from Lori Lambert of 24 Pilgrim Road. Dr. Beck motioned that Ms. Lambert allow Karen O'Reilly to enter her dwelling to conduct an inspection to determine if Ms. Lambert's dogs are living in sanitary conditions within two weeks. Ms. O'Reilly will provide the information to Mr. Ramdin for approval of five dogs which would need to be licensed. Seconded, Mr. Arnold. Vote 3-0.

Review of Public Comments and editing Draft Biotechnology regulation

The Health Director recommended to the Board that given their skill sets and experience they can appoint technical advisors as they consider the draft regulations. He recommended appointing Drs. Heather McManus and Mia Leiberman as technical advisors to the Board as they consider the draft regulation. Dr. Beck made a motion to appoint Drs. McManus and Leiberman as technical advisors to the Board for the purposes of considering draft Biotechnology Regulation. Seconded, Mr. Arnold. Motion 3-0.

The Board reviewed the draft biotechnology regulation. The Board discussed the draft. Dr. Beck motioned to have Mr. Ramdin make the edits discussed and forward the edited draft to the town attorney for a legal review. Seconded, Mr. Arnold. Motion 3-0

Department Update

Mr. Ramdin provided an update to the Board about the Health Department grants. Mr. Ramdin informed the Board that Kristel Bennett had taken the REHS/RS exam, passed it, and will be receiving her credential.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m. (Motion Richard Arnold, second, Dr. Beck 3-0)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

Approved: July 17, 2019