

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 17, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Public Comment:

Heather McManus, Research Scientist commented on the need for Biotechnology regulations and the draft regulations. She was asked if she had written comments she would like to submit she indicated she would forward to the Board.

Mia Lieberman, who is a veterinarian, presented her comments on draft Regulations that were being presented to the Board for consideration. Dr. Lieberman provided written comments.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved as amended (Motion - Dr. Beck, Second R. Arnold, 3-0).

Regulating Biological Research Laboratories

The Board enquired about the process for adopting new regulations. They were advised that they had to accept the draft, review, make comments /amend and once they make their final review it would be finalized and put out for public comment. Schedule a meeting to receive public comment. Then they would consider those comments and make decisions on final regulation. Then vote for passage. The Board voted to accept the Regulations for consideration (motion Arnold, second B. Beck- 3-0). The Board indicated that they would like to see the date of the drafts indicated on the document. Footer will be made to show the date of the draft as it progresses through the review process.

Program Planning and Priority Setting

The Board deferred to program planning for future date

Future Meeting Scheduling

Future meetings Monday November 26 and December 19

Department Updates

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. (Motion **Dr. Beck, second, Richard Arnold 3-0**)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

Approved: November 26, 2018