

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 26, 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 7:13 pm.

Public Comment:

Mia Leiberman, Research Scientist commented on the need for Biotechnology regulations and the draft regulations. She asked if she had could offer comments on the Draft regulations and was advise that there will be a comment time at the Board meeting, but the Board will accept comments from her at this time.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting were approved as amended (Motion - R. Arnold, Second Dr. Beck, 3-0).

Introduction Erin Olson, Health Officer.

Larry Ramdin Introduced Erin Olson, Health Officer to the Board. Ms. Olson indicated that she was happy to be with the Health Department and was grateful to be hired shortly after her graduation from Worcester State University. She is currently working on her professional credentials and development.

Regulating Biological Research Laboratories

The Board reviewed the draft regulations and made amendments to the draft. After the review the final draft was accepted. The Board would accept public comments at their next meeting, they will accept written comment up to the Friday of the week following the Board meeting. (Motion Dr. Beck, second Mr. Arnold, 3-0)

Program Planning and Priority Setting

The Board deferred to program planning for future date

Future Meeting Scheduling

Doodle poll will be done to schedule the next meeting.

Department Updates

The Board was advised that Kristel Bennett will be proceeding on maternity leave from December 3rd.

Rajit Gupta was awarded his Certified Professional Food Safety Credential (CP-FS) after successfully completing the examination.

The Department in collaboration with the Council Aging will be offering an Ask a Nurse Program. Wil VanDinter Public Health Nurse, will be providing blood pressure screening and will provide advice on health concerns to the seniors.

Meeting adjourned a 9:10 p.m. (Motion **Dr. Beck, second, Richard Arnold 3-0**)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

Approved: January 31, 2019