

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 23, 2020

Watertown Administration Building, Third Floor Conference Room

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

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health
Rajit Gupta, Chief Environmental Health Officer

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Straus called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

Minutes

Minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved (Beck, Arnold 2nd) 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Biotechnology Regulation Update

Larry Ramdin will finish the summary and post in the newspaper, once posted the regulation will be filed with the DEP. Once the filed the regulation will become law.

Department Update

Mr. Ramdin provided an update to the Board about the Health Department programs, events, and public health concerns especially the emerging COVID-19 situation. The board discussed how the virus is affecting the international community and its spread and how earlier diseases like SARS affected the humans and the reservoir animals for these diseases.

The Board was advised that Health Officer, Rajit Gupta has been promoted to the position of Chief Environmental Health Officer/ Assistant Director of Public Health. Mr. Gupta was introduced to the Board. The vacant Health Officer position will be posted and interviews will be held after the closing date for applications. Sgt. Robert Rossi from US Army is interning with the Department.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. (Motion Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Arnold 3-0)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

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