

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Richard Arnold and Dr. Barbara Beck.

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health
Maureen Foley, Head Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arnold Chaired the meeting in the Absence of Dr. Straus and called the meeting to order 7:06 pm

Review of Minutes January 15, 2020

The board reviewed the minutes found them to be accurate. Dr. Beck motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Arnold 2nd. Minutes accepted 3-0

Public Comment (open to public offer input on public health matters)

No Public Comment

Update Farmers market: Stephanie Venizelos- Programs and Wellness Manager

Ms. Venizelos updated the board on plans for the market. The market has been deemed an essential service and the plans will proceed with the market. Measures will be taken that we can comply with guidelines for social distancing etc. the Board asked Ms. Venizelos to return at its next meeting to give a progress report.

Update on Biotechnology Postponement

The board was advised that the postponement of the regulations have been wel received and the Department is reviewing guidance, applications etc. that was provided by Dr. McManus. We will update the board at their next meeting.

COVID-19 updates

The Board was advised that the cases continue to rise and the Department in working on a restricted schedule. We have received assistance from the Academic public Health Partners to do contact tracing, data analysis and messaging. The team also provides translation in the main languages spoken in Watertown. We have received grant funding from the Department of Public Health and will look to increase the contact tracing team internally.

Staffing and Department Update

Erin Olson has submitted her resignation as a Health Officer with the Department to take up a position closer to her home in New Hampshire, Deanna Mazina was hired as a Health Officer in the Department

Future Meeting Planning

Next meeting will be held on May 20, 2020

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m. (Motion Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Arnold 3-0)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

Approved: