

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

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

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Straus called the meeting to order 7:03 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for July 15 meeting with corrections.
Motions granted (Beck, Arnold 2nd) 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Introduction Emily Laflamme; Health Officer

Emily was introduced to the Board by Larry Ramdin Director of Public Health. Ms. Laflamme provide information on her background and training. She indicated that she was happy to be in Watertown as it provided the right environment for her as she is early in her career. The Board welcomed her and wished her well.

COVID 19 update

The Board was provided with the latest statistics on Covid 19 in Watertown and activities related to Covid 19 control. At this time there are 467 Cases, 24 Fatal, 436 recovered and 7 active. The Department of Public Health is classifying communities according to current cases in a color-coded chart the link is available on our COVID 19 webpage.

Biotechnology Regulation

There are positions to fill on the Watertown Biosafety Committee and the Board will be presented with names to appoint to the Committee next meeting. The Chair and the Director of Public Health are ex-officio and can nominate a representative in their place.

Department Update

The Department is fully staffed. We have received a letter from Oakley Country asking for consideration of reinstatement of their tobacco permit which lapsed due to non-renewal in 2019 and 2020. The Club claims that the employee who was responsible for the renewal was engaged in significant family issues that distracted them. The Board agreed to hear the application at their next meeting.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for September 16, 2020

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. (Motion Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Arnold 3-0)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health