

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday April 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Bradford M. Parsons Acting Chair, Dr, Deborah McEwan, David Meagher, Deanna Mazina, Environmental Health Officer, Maureen Foley, Staff

In attendance: John Finn, Wil Dahlberg, Paul Nederhoed, Kristin Riley, Edmarie Martinez, Dina Lloyd, Rob Derosier, Roger Wang, Mary Wilson, Nicole Gardner, Corey, Chris Hamily

CALL TO ORDER: Bradford Parsons called the meeting to order 7:04 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for March 3, 2022

(Meagher, McEwan)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Permits:

Acrivon Therapeutics, Inc. – 480 Arsenal Way #100

Wil Dahlberg, Bio Safety Officer gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. McEwan questioned the scope of the gene work. Dr. Dahlberg stated all tissues are fixed at the moment and he is the only person working with lentivirus samples. Mr. Meagher questioned fire permit, key card entry, and EAP and if high risk work was conducted after hours. Mr. Parsons questioned HPLC machines. He also stated it was a great application with an appreciable layout.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions:

(McEwan, Meagher)

Roll Call (3,0)

Sherlock Biosciences, Inc. – 200 Talcott Avenue Level 1

Kristin Riley, VP of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mary Wilson, BioSafety Office also shed light about the scientific aspects of Sherlock's lab activities. Mr. Meagher questioned fire permit, key card entry, and EAP and if high risk work was conducted after hours. Mr. Parsons requested an updated EAP. Dr. McEwan questioned the shipping, delivery and storage of infectious materials. Mary Wilson stated BSL2 materials are stored in a biosafety cabinet. Mary Wilson stated moving these materials in sealed tubes, in a rack, in Styrofoam shipping containers through the facilities spaces. Mr. Parsons stated there is no emergency phone list in the EAP and an evacuation plan must be included. Dr. McEwan stated the committee needs the strain source, materials and containment.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:

1. Updates to EAP
2. Evacuation Map
3. Materials, strains and containments

(McEwan, Meagher)

Roll Call (3,0)

These additional documents must be received by Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Tome Biosciences Inc. – 100 Talcott Avenue

Paul Nederhoed, Bio Safety Officer gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

John Finn, Chief Programmable Gene Technology also shed light about the scientific aspects of Tome's lab activities. Tome will eventually have a vivarium but for now they will be using the facility at Explora/Charles River Labs.

Mr. Parsons questioned the space in the layout that looks to be a sublet. If Tome is subletting then that new lab needs to be registered or permitted with the City of Watertown. The certificate holder on the Certificate of Insurance needs to be City of Watertown. Dr. McEwan stated when Tome introduces the vivarium, then new IBC minutes must be submitted.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:

1. Submit an updated plan in the EAP.
2. Updated Certificate of Insurance to reflect City of Watertown as the holder.

(Meagher, Parsons)

Roll Call (3,0)

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Discuss annual restructuring of the WBSC:

A motion was made to recommend approval of David Meagher as Chair of the WBSC.

(Parsons, McEwan)

Roll Call (3,0)

A motion was made to adjourn

(Meagher, Parsons)

Roll Call (3,0)