

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday August 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: David Meagher Chair, Dr, Deborah McEwan, Brad Parsons, Ralph Mele, Mia Lieberman, Maureen Foley, Clerk

In attendance: Erin Dunn, Tianyi Huang, Brandon Linz, Linda Markarian, Kristin Fontanez, Samantha Hullah, Michele Hope, AJ Troiano, Eni Sterjanj, James Douberley

CALL TO ORDER: David Meagher called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for June 3, 2022

(Parsons, McEwan)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Permits:

Neumora Therapeutics, Inc. – 490 Arsenal Way #200

James Douberley, BioSafety Officer gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Mr. Parsons questioned the amount of waste stream generation using presently and in the future. Dr.

McEwan asked if there were changes in the lab protocols from Generation 2 to Generation 3.

Mr. Meagher asked about the Flammability Permit. Neumora was obtaining the permit the next day.

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

(Parsons, McEwan)

Roll Call (4,0)

Fluent Biosciences Inc – 150 Coolidge Avenue

Kristin Fontanez, VP of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Mr. Parsons referred to the floor plan, asking about bio waste storage, generated emulsion and burn boxes.

Mr. Parsons inquired about the telephone numbers on the EAP for security and safety purposes. Dr. McEwan appreciated the application paid attention to details. Dr. McEwan questioned the materials and cells used in the lab. Mr. Meagher questioned the key card access outside of work hours. Dr. McEwan mentioned Fluent was converting from a registration to a permit.

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

(McEwan, Meagher)

Roll Call (4,0)

Nexus Medical Laboratories, LLC – 313 Pleasant Street

Michele Hope, VP of Lab Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. McEwan

questioned the lab space based on the floor plan submitted. Mr. Parsons inquired about the hazardous waste storage in the clinical lab. He also wanted to know how the waste would be removed in the R&D space.

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

(Parsons, McEwan)

Roll Call (4,0)

FUJI FILM Diosynth – 300 North Beacon Street

AJ Troiano gave a short presentation of the company's activities and requesting an amendment to the permit. Dr. Troiano is requesting to increase BioSafety Containment Level from less than 10 L to greater than 10 L. Dr. Lieberman questioned the process if there was a large-scale spill. She also asked about protective gear for the staff in case of a spill or aerosol release. Mr. Parsons stated if there are no drains present at the facility then what are your procedures. Dr. McEwan stated there are two community members in the IBC. One of the members are outside of the district set up by the WBSC. Dr. Troiano stated both members were on the original application. One of the members did not attend the IBC meeting submitted for this review. The WBSC requested FUJIFILM review the minutes with the community member.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the Amendment to the Board of Health:

(Parsons, McEwan)

Roll Call (4,0)

EntactBio – 65 Grove Street #303

Brandon Linz, Triumvirate Environmental gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Parsons stated this is a super low risk lab. Dr. McEwan asked if the person working with lentivirus in Watertown has experience using this virus. Mr. Parsons inquired about the hazardous waste storage in the clinical lab. He also wanted to know how the waste would be removed in the R&D space.

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

(McEwan, Parsons)

Roll Call (4,0)

Additional Business

WBSC inquired who will Chair once Mr. Meagher leaves the committee. Mr. Mele has the full-time biosafety position within the WFD (new position) to replace Mr. Meagher as Chair.

Mr. Parsons noticed the WBSC was on the agenda on July's BOH meeting. Since he was the only WBSC member in attendance, he stated he would explain the lab space in question in his opinion, it did not reflect the whole WBSC. BOH thanked Mr. Parsons for his clarification. Mr. Parsons stated the WBSC should be on the BOH agenda and give presentations.

Adjourn

(Parsons, McEwan)