

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday November 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Bradford M. Parsons Committee Member, Dr, Deborah McEwan Committee Member, Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health, Maureen Foley, Staff

Consultant: Mia Tova Lieberman

In attendance Rob Derosier, Carolyn Boudreau, Corey Martin, Rae Moore

CALL TO ORDER: Heather McManus called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes

1. Minutes approvals for October 7, 2021
(Parsons, McEwan)
Roll Call

Public Comment

Rob Derosier, Triumvirate Environmental stated the inconsistencies of wording in Watertown's Biotechnology Regulation Applicability to Different Types of Life Science Work.

Registrations:

Leyden Labs – 191 Dexter Avenue

Carolyn Boudreau, Platform Scientist gave a short synopsis of Leyden's activities.

Dr. McEwan asked for clarification of the screening of primary materials. Brad Parsons asked about the lab space access and hazmat protocols.

Dr. McManus asked for clarification of the occupational health agreement with Mt. Auburn and the lab's exposure plan.

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

(Parsons, Ramdin)
Roll Call

Additional Business

Voting on the final draft of Watertown's Biotechnology Regulation Applicability to Different Types of Life Science Work.

There was a discussion on the pathogens verses organisms. Rob Derosier stated regulations require permit when using microorganisms. The document should be technically correct. Dr. McEwan wants the document to be clear when a lab registers.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the draft Watertown's Biotechnology Regulation Applicability to Different Types of Life Science Work.

(McEwan, Ramdin)
Roll Call

Update on Renewal of BioSafety Permits and Applications:

The renewal letters are getting emailed next week. Health Department is requesting electronic applications.

The Health Department's Research Consultant will review the renewal applications summary of the previous years' work and any associated IBC minutes to confirm work falls within the existing permit.

Adjourn:

(Ramdin, Parsons) 8:26 PM

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health