

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday October 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Brad Parsons, Chair, Deborah McEwan, Brad Parsons, Ralph Mele, Tim Maguire, Mia Lieberman, Maureen Foley, Clerk

In attendance: Krista Panchalingam, Wesley Wong, Antonia Pugliese, Emre Ozkumur, Elizabeth Graham, Nicole Reardon, Corey Martin, Karen Yip

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for September 13, 2022

(Maguire, McEwan)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Permits:

Arcaea LLC. – 155 Arlington Street

Wesley Wong, Senior Scientist gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. Maguire questioned the testing and screening of donor skin cells. He also inquired about the possibility of reconstructing synthetic skin in the future. Mr. Mele questioned the shared spaces including shared chemical storage in this incubator space. WBSC stated a community member cannot be an employee of Cambridge Scientific. Dr. Lieberman questioned the transportation of materials from Seaport to Watertown. A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions:

(McEwan, Lieberman)

Roll Call (6,0)

AutoIVF Inc. – 200 Dexter Avenue Suite 120

Emre Ozkumur, Head of Research & Development gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Parsons questioned the storage of samples with the use of liquid nitrogen and the amount of bio and chemical hazardous waste produced. Dr. McEwan questioned the screening of pathogens of the cells and the materials from Boston IVF. Patient/Donor information is not released. Dr. McEwan wants a letter or document from Boston IVF stating guarantee of their screening processes and the guarantee of their response if there were issues with the materials they send to AutoIVF.

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

1. A document from Boston IVF stating guarantee of their screening processes

(McEwan, Maguire)

Roll Call (6,0)

Arbata Therapeutics – 100 Forge Road Suite 200

Krista Panchalingam, Senior Lab Officer gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. Maguire questioned biosafety cabinet usage and culture work. Dr. McEwan questioned the residence of the community member. Mr. Mele questioned if any of the space was shared. He also requested the spill response be revised and updated. Mr. Parsons questioned the floor plan with package deliveries in a secured area and a designated area for bio and chemical hazardous wastes. WBSC wants all references to Cedilla Therapeutics be removed from any part of the application and associated documents.

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

1. The address of the community member.
2. Reference to Cedilla Therapeutics be removed from any parts of the application and associated documents.

(Mele, Maguire)

Roll Call (6,0)

WBSC Presentation to Health Department and/or City Council

The WBSC will present a Power Point to the Board of Health on October 19, 2022 and later to City Council in November or December 2022.

Additional Business

The WBSC will review and update the 2023 renewal applications for registrations and permits.

Next Meeting

November 3, 2022

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:32 PM