

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday November 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm

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

In attendance: Stephanie Hovasse, Olivia Moody, Geraldine Eilert, Ann Marie Zavacki, Dominic Reynolds,
Dean Fanos, Charles Kung, Nina Lin, Molly Kafka, Dominic Sonata, Charles Cohen

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:06 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for October 6, 2022

(Mele, McEwan)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Permits:

Orna Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Application was not complete at the time of this meeting.

Remix Therapeutics – 100 Forge Road Floors 3 & 4

Charles Cohen and Dominic Reynolds gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Maguire questioned if Remix has any intention of expanding to 10 liters. Dr. Lieberman questioned the BSL2+ lab category. The manual does not reflect the BSL2+ lab and the additional protections required. Dr. Lieberman stated when doing animal cell work, Remix needs to submit an addendum before starting that work. Dr. McEwan asked about the generation of Lentivirus in the lab. She stated if Remix introduces additional toxins, they must be included in the IBC meeting. She also questioned the trainings for new hazards. Mr. Mele questioned the storage spaces on the 1st, 3rd and 4th floors. Mr. Mele wants a higher resolution floor plan. Mr. Parsons stated EAP mentions "some toxic substances", he wants that clarified. Mr. Parsons wants an updated safety manual with updated cell lines and materials.

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

1. A higher resolution floor plan
2. Updated Certificate of Insurance
3. Updated cell lines and materials

(Lieberman, Maguire)

Roll Call (5,0)

Recap from Board of Health presentation and discussion of City Council Presentation

The WBSC made a Power Point presentation to the Board of Health on October 19, 2022. The WBSC reviewed a few of the slides for clarification before the presentation to City Council on November 9, 2022.

Discussion related to the renewal applications for registrations and permits

Dr. Lieberman has made some updated changes to the renewal applications.

Additional Business

Flammables can not be stored below grade. The question is what is considered below grade. Mr. Mele attended the Emergent Management Planning seminar. There were representatives from the communities throughout the area.

Dr. Lieberman will review and update the new applications for registrations and permits for new companies in 2023.

Items that were not anticipated before publication of agenda

There are 2 major large construction projects building life science and lab spaces in the city. (Galen & Pleasant Streets) WBSC wants to meet with planning to find out the number of tenants and the particulars of these projects. WBSC wants to anticipate the work load in the future months. Also, what is Forge Rd and who will be the occupants for that facility?

Next Meeting

Both dates are questionable for December meeting, December 1st and December 8th. The January 5, 2023 is a definite meeting.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:24 PM