

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 pm

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

In attendance: Bhaumik Pandya, Abbie Renoux, Kell Larson, Masha Ushomirsky, Nina Lin, Linda Scott, Sharon Morani

CALL TO ORDER: Deborah McEwan called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for December 15, 2022

(Maguire, Lieberman) (4,0)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Permits:

Vigil Neuroscience – 100 Forge Road Floor 7

Kell Larson, Biosafety Officer, gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Maguire questioned if there were going to be modifications. The cells/materials will be outsourced using a CRISPR or off the shelf cell lines. Dr. Maguire questioned the safety showers. Dr. McEwan asked about CRISPR based or manufactured. Dr. Liebermann stated there is a discrepancy with IBC minutes due to Vigil needs an additional member to attend and a community member who works in Watertown or lives within the designated area. WBSC requested another IBC meeting within the first quarter of 2023 to be consistent with the previously approved labs.

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

The occupational health contract with Mt. Auburn Hospital

If the Board of Health approves the permit, a condition will be stated an IBC meeting with five members present take place before March 31, 2023. The minutes must be submitted to the WBSC.

(Liebermann, Mele)

Roll Call (4,0)

Additional Business

Dr. Lieberman has reviewed 47 renewal applications for 2023. WBSC discussed what the process will be with the new OpenGov software being introduced in 2023.

Items that were not anticipated before publication of agenda

Shatki is in business in Watertown but states they are not doing work that requires the WBSC review or permitting.

Next Meeting

The February 2, 2023 is a definite meeting.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:48 PM