

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Richard Arnold and Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health, Abbey Myers, Chief Environmental Officer, Asma Khan, Health Officer, Maureen Foley, Head Clerk,

In attendance: Sharon Morali, Weeteck Yeo, Kell Larson, Nina Lin, Nathan Witters, Sada Breeji, Jason Dearling, Kristen Beaudry, Olivia Moody, Michael Dube, Brandon Lind, Nelson Chau, Alonso Richardo, Phillip Denoble

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Amirtharaj called the meeting to order 7:04 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for November 16, 2022 meeting,

Motions granted (Amirtharaj, Arnold) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments.

WBSC Permitting Recommendations

Vigil Neuroscience – 100 Forge Road Floor 7

Weeteck Yeo, SVP gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Amirtharaj questioned the lab activity in the Watertown facility. Mr Arnold asked if animals are used in the lab.

Motions granted (Arnold, Amirtharaj) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

WBSC was permitted, presentation to Board of Health

Orna Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Nelson Chau, SVP gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Sada Breeji, Vivarium Scientist gave a presentation regarding the animal work. Michael Dube, Facility and Security gave a presentation on hazardous and bio wastes removal. Mr. Dube stated there will be an addendum to the EAP related to the animal emergency plan. Mr. Arnold questioned when Orna will be certified vivarium. Dr. Amirtharaj questioned if animals are used in vaccine studies.

Mariana Oncology – 100 Forge Road, Floors 5 & 6

Alonso Ricardo, Chief Scientific Officer gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Amirtharaj asked if Mariana works with radiation tracers.

Tobacco regulations update

The discussion will be tabled until February's meeting.

Motions granted (Amirtharaj, Arnold) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

COVID Related Matters

Mr. Ramdin stated our first delivery of COVID tests kits were in the amount 16800 tests. The recent delivery was 18000 tests. They are being distributed. Health department is not given information related to the COVID cases that were also vaccinated. Health has not seen increases in Flu cases but we are heading into the flu season.

Staffing and Department Updates

The ACO left due to a difficult commute. Mr. Ramdin introduced two new staff members: Abbey Myers, Chief Environmental Officer and Asma Khan, Health Officer.

Items that could not be anticipated before the meeting

Mr. Ramdin stated all the renewal permits have been issued. Health Department is planning on hiring a Restaurant Consultant to do inspections.

During the February meeting, there needs to be a reorganization and electing a chairperson.

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM