

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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

In attendance: Jacky VanLeeuwen, Eric White, Stacey Gearin, Linda Scott, Kenneth Thompson, Kyle Denton, Corey Martin, Julia Morse, Jennifer Reilly, Sunil Malanna, Justin Black, Paul Lane, Christopher Steele, Kathi Breen

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for March 2, 2023

(Mele, Maguire) (5,0)

Roll Call

Public Comment

Linda Scott, 55 Olcott Street questioned the BSL level in the City of Watertown. Mr. Parsons stated BSL 4 is explicitly not allowed. Ms. Scott stated Zoning is not allowing permits for BSL 3 facilities.

Permits:

ALS Therapy Development Institute – 155 Arlington Street

Kyle Denton, Biology Scientist, gave a short presentation of the company's activities. ALS is expanding operations to 155 Arlington Street with out expanding the scope of work. Dr. Lieberman questioned the materials that are transported between the two locations. Mr. Mele requested the EAP be updated.

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

Updated EAP must be submitted by April 18, 2023.

(McEwan, Lieberman) (5,0)

Roll Call

Satellite Biosciences, Inc. – 580 Pleasant Street

Stacey Gearin, Director of Cell Research, gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr.

Lieberman suggested corozine cells should have an assay. Dr. Mc Ewan questioned blood processes that were indicated in the IBC minutes. Mr. Parsons questioned the light chemistry in the lab and the indication of manufacturing. Manufacturing is R&D and there is no chem work planned. Mr. Parsons question the volume that is generated at Satellite. The EAP needs to be edited due to the distance of the closest health facility. Dr. Lieberman asked if a 2nd IBC meeting occurred in March 2023.

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

(Lieberman, McEwan) (5,0)

Roll Call

C2i Genomics – 313 Pleasant Street 4 East

Eric White, Director of Lab Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. McEwan recused herself from this review. Dr. Maguire inquired about the amount of waste generated. Apparently, there is a backup in the waste incinerator processes. The EPA is involved as it is nationwide issue. Mr. Mele requested C2i update their Chemical Hygiene and EAP. Mr. Parsons requested the biosafety plan be updated to reflect MA code.

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

1. Update Chemical Hygiene and EAP
2. Updated Biosafety Plan to reflect MA code.

(Parsons, Maguire) (4,0)

Roll Call

Additional Business

With the new software, Open Gov the applicants need to upload PDF documents.

Next Meeting

The May 4, 2023 is a definite meeting.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:40 PM