

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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

In attendance: Brandon Linz, Emma West, Dania Zhivald, Shawn Moran, Laura Brandano, Adam Williams, Paul Lane, Carolyn Boudreau, Corey Martin, Lermercierisa, Ben Boyerinas

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

Minutes

Minutes approvals for May 3, 2023
(Parsons, Lieberman)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No public comment

Permits:

Digital Biology Inc. – 313 Pleasant Street

Emma West, Founder gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Mele questioned the placement of deliveries on the floor plan. Dr. McEwan inquired about the organism list and asked when and where the cells are inactivated. The collaborator provides primary and nonprimary fixed tissue and blood. Dr. McEwan emphasized the respiratory virus will not be on sight. Dr. Lieberman reiterated fixed tissue will only be on site. Dr. Maguire asked about the waste scale. Mr. Parsons stated Chemical Hygiene is labeled Biosafety. Mr. Parsons asked about the chemicals will be used in the lab.

Dr. Lieberman made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions.

(Lieberman, McEwan) (5,0)
Roll Call

AvenCell Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Ben Boyerinas, Head of Amino Therapy gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Lieberman stated the application for AvenCell has an offsite vivarium not inhouse and the floor plan is not detailed. Dr. Lieberman questioned the negative and positive pressures in the rooms to prevent contamination and safety. Dr. Lieberman stated the occupational health contract needs to include an EAP for the employees in the vivarium. Mr. Parsons stated the floor plan for the vivarium is not in the application. Mr. Mele wants a higher definition for the floor plans. Mr Parsons asked about the clinical human blood commercially sourced.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions.

EAP for the vivarium with a detailed floor plan
Updated floor plan with the designated safety cabinets
(Parsons, Lieberman) (5,0)
Roll Call

Corner Therapeutics – 300 North Beacon Street Suites 202 & 204

Laura Brandano, VP of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dania Zhivald, Chief Scientist presented the science involved in the lab and the reason for the expansion. Dr. Maguire questioned the scale of waste produced now and after the present experiments are concluded. Dr. Lieberman inquired about the transportation of materials to the vivarium at Explora. She wanted to know how the materials are secured and what mode of transportation will be used including trade regulations.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to expand to Suite 204 and the use of the influenza virus to the Board of Health without conditions.

(Parsons, Mele) (5,0)

Roll Call

Mr. Williams asked if Corner could commence their work in Suite 202 before the BOH meeting.

Leyden Labs – 201 Dexter Avenue

Carolyn Boudreau, Sr. Scientist gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Leyden is moving to a larger space within this incubator facility. The lab is adding two more viruses and non-human primate cells to their protocols. Dr. Lieberman stated an exposure kit must be available in the lab space. Dr. McEwan stated the IBC minutes were well documented. Permit will be issued.

Additional Business

Discussion based on lab inspections and preparation of an inspection forms. The inspector will attend the WBSC monthly meetings as a non-voting member.

Next Meeting

The tentative meeting will be July 13, 2023, if there are no labs presenting in July, then the meeting will be canceled.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:55 PM