

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday June 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Beck, Chairman, Richard Arnold and Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj

Staff: Maureen Foley, Clerk

In attendance: Brandon Linz, Lindsey O'Rourke, Michael Dube, Shawn Morgan, Paul Lane, Emma West, Diania Zhivaki, Adam Williams, Nathan Witters, S. Breegi, Ben Boyerinas, Kathi Breen, Isabelle Le Mercierisa, Nelson Chau, Laura Brandano

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for April 19, 2023 meeting,

Motions granted (Amirtharaj, Arnold) 3-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Minutes were approved for May 3, 2023 Dangerous Dog Hearing,

Motions granted (Amirtharaj, Arnold) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

WBSC Permitting Recommendations

Digital Biology Inc. – 313 Pleasant Street

Emma West, Co-Founder gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. Beck asked about invitro work. Mr. Arnold asked how AI was used in the lab environment.

AvenCell Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Ben Boyerinas, Director of Immune Oncology gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Shawn Morgan, Director of Operations gave a presentation about lab's floor plan and leasing 20000 squ ft to another lab.

Dr. Beck inquired about the engineering of cells and asked about T-cell models to mitigating the growth of tumors. Mr. Arnold asked if AvenCell was creating a master cell line. Dr. Amirtharaj inquired about using patient's cells and the plan is to use healthy human cells.

Corner Therapeutics – 300 North Beacon Street #202 & 204

Laura Brandano, VP of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Diania Zhivaki, Principal Scientist spoke about the present experiments being done on the short term. Dr. Beck and Mr. Arnold inquired about the inactivated virus.

Dr. Amirtharaj and second by Mr. Arnold, made a motion to approve three applications on recommendation of WBSC (Amirtharaj Arnold) 3-0.
All in favor.
Roll Call

Orna Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Michael Dube, Head of Operations gave a status review. Ms. Foley stated via email WBSC requested Orna to be on this agenda.

Department Update

Ms. Myers stated the department attended the Food Show and learned about new technologies. Staff also received CPR training from our Public Health Nurse. There are 3 CPR trainings available to our residents scheduled. Samantha Gatchell, ACO is completing her training next week.

Ms. Myers reviewed the rodent/rat status and progress in the field and social media messaging for residents and businesses.

Health Officers are catching up on food establishment inspections and making sure these facilities are in compliance.

FY24 budget includes the hiring of a Rodent Inspector.

Next meeting

Scheduled for August 16, 2023 by remote only

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM