

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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

In attendance: John Athanaspoulos, Jack Jezard, Tim Oakes, Linda Scott, Tanya Potcova, Michele Crawford, Paige Swanson, Kathi Breen, Michael Kim

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:03 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for May 3, 2023

Dr. Lieberman wanted this statement added to the minutes.

AvenCell addendum dated June 12, 2023 has withdrawn their vivarium work until additional plans have been finalized.

(Parsons, Lieberman) 4,0

Roll Call

Public Comment

Linda Scott, 55 Olcott Street inquired about the volume of lab applications received by the Health Department. Per Mr. Parsons, summer is usually a slow period. Dr. Lieberman stated applications are received in waves as buildings become available for occupation. Ms. Scott questioned the inspections of the lab spaces. Mr. Parsons stated its in the works. Ms. Foley stated the two Health Officers and the Chief Environment Health Officer went with a consultant Tuesday and visited labs on Arlington St. Ms. Breen, 56 Boylston Street stated all Watertown residents are clear about the value of lab inspections.

Mr. Parsons stated he is aware of the social media attention to Captivate Bio. This facility is not a lab but a store that sells cell medium. This company supports the industry.

Permits:

Dyno Therapeutics – 343 Arsenal Street Amendment

Paige Swanson, Director of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's additional activities.

Dyno is moving from bench work to manufacturing. Dr. Lieberman listed some paperwork to be submitted due to the larger scale production. Mr. Parsons questioned the use of two elevators in the Chemical Hygiene Plan but the facility has one elevator.

No vote required. Dyno will go in front of the BOH on August 16, 2023.

Nexo Therapeutics, Aleksia Therapeutics – 65 Grove Street #102

Ms. Crawford said she spoke with Mr. Ramdin. Aleksia is submitting their own permit application because they are a separate company with different employees than Nexo.

Additional Business

Dr. Lieberman would like an amended application for labs that expand, change protocols, move, increase volume and/or add vivarium. The reasons for an amendment to be submitted is as follows: 1. New agents and work 2. Expansion to large scale 3. Expansion of space within the existing address 4. Moving lab to a different address. 5. Change in relevant contact personnel.

The new or additional documents may be required or submitted based on need as follows: 1. Updated INC minutes 2. Updated Floorplan 3. Updated insurance liability 4. Updated Pest control 5. Updated emergency manuals.

Next Meeting

The tentative meeting will be September 7, 2023

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:13 PM