

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Health Maureen Foley, Clerk

In attendance: Brad Parsons, Mia Lieberman, Linda Scott, Jack Jezard, Elodia Thomas, Paige Swanson, Kathi Breen,

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order 7:12 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for June 21, 2023 meeting,

Motions granted (Arnold, Amirtharaj) 3-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Public Comment

Ms. Thomas, 67 Marion Road asked who trained the health staff in lab inspections.

WBSC Permitting Recommendations and Information on Review Process related to amended permits for future review and issuing permits by the BOH

Mr. Parsons stated amended reviews are new territory for the WBSC. Now labs are moving to larger facilities, adding new agents, going from small scale to larger scale, acquiring more space in the same facility, changing bio safety member, changing name of the company, updating EAP, changing vendors. If there is an expansion that requires a review as opposed to administration items, then the lab will come before the BOH. Mr. Arnold agrees with WBSC and requested a document indicating the amendments that will come before the BOH and the labs that will only be reviewed by the WBSC.

Mr. Parsons stated these amendments will be considered policies not regulations. Dr. Beck stated if there is additional health risk the BOH should review the recommendations from the WBSC. Dr. Beck requests a formal document.

WBSC Amendment Recommendations

Dyno Therapeutics – 343 Arsenal Street

Paige Swanson, Director of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's additional activities. Dyno is moving from bench work to manufacturing. Dyno is going from one bioreactor to three bioreactors.

Dr. Beck made a motion to approve this amendment on recommendation of WBSC
(Arnold, Amirtharaj) 3-0.
All in favor.
Roll Call

Department Update

Ms. Venizelos has moved to the Community Development and Planning Department. Health is hiring a new Health Officer who deals with rodent issues. Watertown is in the process of controlling the rats not eliminating them.

Ms. Myers has completed her REHS/RS testing. Ms. Olsen has completed her Level III emergency preparedness course.

Items that could not be anticipated before meeting/future meetings

Dr. Amirtharaj asked about mosquito testing for WNV. Mr. Ramdin stated there were two pools of mosquito with WNV in Watertown.

Health Department is preparing for Faire on the Square.

Adjourn:

(Arnold, Amirtharaj) 3-0.
All in favor.
Roll Call

Adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM