



Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM
REMOTE ONLY

Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Location: REMOTE ONLY
- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
- C. Join Zoom Meeting <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/83188312663>
Meeting ID: 831 8831 2663
- D. Public may comment through email: amyers@watertown-ma.gov
- E. Please Visit the Board of Health Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/176/Board-of-Health>

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- 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Review of Draft Minutes of November 15, 2023
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. Watertown Biosafety Committee Recommendation for Permit
 - A. Parallel Squared Technology – 490 Arsenal Way #110
 - 5. Staffing and Department Updates
 - A. Activity and Staffing Updates
 - 6. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
 - 7. Adjournment

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Beck and Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj

Staff: Abbey Myers, Acting Director of Health Maureen Foley, Clerk, Gerard Cody, Per Diem,
Sarah Constantino, Health Officer, Brad Parsons, WBSC

In attendance:

Cysteine, Al Nadar, Sarah Mullinax, Christopher Hren

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for October 18, 2023 meeting,

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Department Update

Introductions of new employees

Ms. Constantino gave a short introduction.

Mr. Cody gave a short introduction. Dr. Amirtharaj inquired about the range of restaurant violations Mr. Cody has observed.

Presentation of the WBSC addressing Amendments coming before the BOH

Mr. Parsons reviewed the draft document with the BOH. Dr. Amirtharaj endorsed the policy vs. regulations.

Health Department Permitting

MatchPoint Therapeutics, Inc. – 57 Coolidge Ave Avenue

Al Nadar, Director of Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. Amirtharaj made a motion to recommend approval of the biosafety permits for MatchPoint.

(Amirtharaj, Beck) (2,0)

Roll Call

Licensing approval for additional dogs – 16 Brandley Road

Ms. Myers explained the dogs' owner just adopted a fourth animal from a family member.

The animals are spayed and neutered.

Dr. Amirtharaj made a motion to recommend approval of the townner keeping 4 dogs in her possession.

(Amirtharaj, Beck) (2,0)

Roll Call

Social Services Resource Specialist Annual Report

Ms. Myers reviewed the SSRS document with the BOH. Ms. Myers reviewed the activities related to the refugee families housed in Watertown. There will be a demand this winter for fuel assistance.

Department Update

Flu vaccinations; 17 Clinics.

Ms. Myers stated the Tobacco Collaborative inspected retail establishments last month.

Health are permitting renewals for Food, Residential Kitchens, Annual Pools, Tobacco Sales, BioSafety, and Hens & Bees.

Senior Fair at the Commanders Mansion and great participation. Provide a blood pressure clinic this week.

Sharps collection on Saturday, December 2nd.

Items that could not be anticipated before meeting/future meetings

Adjourn:

(Beck, Amirtharaj) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM