

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

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

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

In attendance: Linda Scott, Christopher Bradfield, Auturo Lichauco, Harrison Specht, Cory Martin, Kristen Beaudry, Zaira Martin Moldes, Aleksandra Peleiski, Alonso Ricardo, Elizabeth Graham, Kathi Breen

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for November 2, 2023
(Parsons, McEwan) 5,0
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Amendments:

Mariana Oncology – 100 Forge Road

Alonso Ricardo, Chief Scientific Officer gave a short presentation of the company's plan to add rats to Mariana's vivarium. The animals are purchased and have IACUC approval. Per Mr. Parsons the WBSC approved the amendment as submitted.

Permits:

Parallel Squared Technology – 490 Arsenal Way #110

Harrison Specht, Co-founder gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Lieberman inquired about the shared spaces and how the safety officers respond. Dr. Lieberman requested SOP be added to both companies' safety manuals in case of a spill or other situations. Dr. Maguire inquired what are the sources of brain tissue and human blood. Mr. Parsons requested the screening process for the material PST uses. Using brain tissue requires a high level of precautions, signage, and higher level of bleach concentration. Mr. Parsons stated an updated plot plan be uploaded to the application and the insurance holder be changed to City of Watertown on the COI.

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

Plot Plan uploaded

COI needs to show City of Watertown as the insurance holder

Update chemical hygiene plan

(Parsons, McEwan) (5,0)

Roll Call

Additional Business

Suggested updated policies to go in front of the BOH

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 4, 2024

Dr. Maguire volunteered to take the minutes in November.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:57 PM