Biosafety Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Remote Participation 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 Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Location: Remote Participation Only

B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/88536131731?pwd=bEU1d3JLa0JrU25ZTXpTdUpBUEI5UT09

C. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 885 3613 1731

D. Public may comment through email: amyers@watertown-ma.gov

E. Please Visit the Biosafety Committee Website here: https://www.watertown-ma.gov/398/Bio-Safety-Committee-Biotechnology

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1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of Minutes
   A. Approval of draft minutes February 1, 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Reorganization of the WBSC
5. Amendment applications for:
   A. Souffle Therapeutics, Inc. – 85 Walnut Street #2N
   B. Alexsia Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road
   C. Nexo Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road
   D. Sonata Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue
6. Additional Business
   A. Discussion on restructuring renewals
   B. Clarify what is included on the agent list in a renewal application
   C. Include fee for an amendment at the time of renewal
7. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
8. Future Meetings

9. Adjourn

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES
The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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

In attendance: Cory Martin, Kathi Breen, Thomas Leighton, HJ Chang, Christopher Bradfield, Tina Chong, Jennifer Dovey, Ivan Masconfroni, Lindsey DeVaux, Daniela Cipolletta, Brantley Herrin, Sibhon Branch

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:04 pm

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Minutes
Minutes approvals for January 4 2024
All in Favor (4,0)

Public Comment
No Public Comment.

Amendments:

Seismic Therapeutics – 85 Walnut Street #210

Lindsey DeVaux, Lab Operations gave a short presentation of the company's plans to add a vivarium. Mispro is contracted to maintain the husbandry of the vivarium. There will be 496 disposable cages. Dr. Lieberman questioned the specific ways of tagging. Mr. Parsons asked about the CO2. Dr. Lieberman questioned the transportation of the live virus to the vivarium. WBSC recommends Seismic's vivarium. Mr. Parsons stated Seismic will appear in front of the BOH.

Permit:

Triveni Bio, Inc. – 99 Coolidge Avenue #405

Thomas Leighton, Lab Operations Manager gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Jennifer Dovey, Chief Scientific Officer discussed the summaries of antibody discoveries. Triveni shares space with Matchpoint. Mr. Leighton spoke about the floor plan and the disaster responsibilities and plans. Dr. Lieberman requested an updated floor plan. She stated Matchpoint does not use NHP tissues but Triveni does. Mr. Leighton stated Triveni reports materials and chemicals monthly to Matchpoint as part of the lease. Dr. McEwan requested an updated screening process in the protocols. Mr. Parsons suggested labeling waste produced by Triveni and Matchpoint.
Mr.Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:
Provide an updated floor plan and an updated screening document.
(Parsons, McEwan) (4,0)
Roll Call

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SYNCELL – 200 Dexter Avenue #120 & #161

Mr. Parsons stated SYNCELL is missing the required documents. They must be submitted before going in front of the BOH on February 21st.
HJ Chang, Associate Manager gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Chang stated the Microscoop machine will be located in Suite 161. Mr. Parsons stated the CHO should be a SYNCELL employee. Once you have established the employee, change the name of the contact person.
Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:
Provide missing documents before the February BOH meeting or SYNCELL will be moved to the March BOH meeting.

(Parsons, Lieberman) (4,0)
Roll Call

Additional Business

Due to the volume of renewals with amendments in November, December, and January, WBSC would like to restructure renewals. Committee discussed the reasons for renewals with amendments. WBSC discussed a standardized form the labs must complete. Labs can submit an IBC minutes within a certain time period via email.
Discuss inspection of labs once a director is hired.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be March 7, 2024

Adjourn
Adjourned at 8:30 PM

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