

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

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

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