Biosafety Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 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, May 2, 2024 at 7:00PM. 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 of April 3, 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Amendment applications for:
   A. Cultivarium - 490 Arsenal Way #110
5. Permit applications for:
   A. 7 Traits Genomic – 155 Arlington Street
   B. Diagonal Therapeutics – 200 Arsenal Yards Boulevard #220
6. Additional Business
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 Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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

In attendance: Kathi Breen, Joseph Kelleher, Christian Klamnt, Carrie Bhang, Matt O'Brien, Kevin Lei, Conrad Kauffman

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:03 pm

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Minutes

Minutes approvals for March 7, 2024

All in Favor (4,0)

Public Comment

Ms. Scott asked about the reorganization plans.

Amendments:

Treeline Biosciences – 500 Arsenal Street

Matt O'Brien, Sr. Director of Scientific Operations gave a short presentation of the company's plans to expand to the 1st floor. Mr. Parsons questioned the shipping procedures for both the 1st and 2nd floors. Hazardous waste will be disposed of from the 1st floor for both floors.
Mr. Parsons stated Treeline will not appear in front of the BOH.

Permits:

Empress Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue

Joe Kelleher, SVP Biology gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Kauffman, Director of Facilities, gave a walk through of the layout of the lab space and security measures. Dr. Lieberman stated human tissue samples and/or human blood were not on the application. She also stated IBC does not mention human samples. Requested an updated list of materials with the screening and sources. Dr. McEwan requested the same. Mr. Parsons inquired about the training and generating of hazardous waste. Mr. Parsons stated there is no designation for the tissue culture room. There needs to be an updated layout indicating the tissue culture room for 1st responders. Mr. Parsons questioned the chemical storage room. Kevin Lei of Safety Partners stated he will upload updated floor plan, updated biological materials list and MAA location on the application.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:
Provide an updated list of biological materials and agents list, screening levels and sources.

(Parsons, Lieberman) (4,0)

Roll Call

Discussion related to the reorganization of the WBSC

Dr. Lieberman made a motion to approve of Mr. Parsons as chair of the WBSC.

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

Restructuring Renewals and Amendments

Dr. Lieberman presented a list of required documents for new applications in the Open Gov portal to simplify and reduce the ambiguity.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 2, 2024

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:20 PM

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