

**Economic Development Advisory Board
Lab & Bio/Life Sciences Subcommittee
Minutes**

4:00PM – 5:30 PM on the grounds of Town Hall

EDAB Board Lab Subcommittee members in attendance (noted by Y/N)

Cliff Brown	Y
Marilyn Newman	Y
Carol Levin	Y
Paul Saner	Y

Staff present: Meredith Mooney

Members of the Public included: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert.

Paul Saner opened the meeting and moved the minutes from May 25 as amended. They were approved unanimously by those present at the time of the vote.

Paul led a discussion on the draft Term Sheet prepared by Marilyn and Carol.

Marilyn provided an overview of the draft term sheet and its structure. The initial discussion focused on the zoning aspects, specifically, how lab use should be defined and whether the use should be permitted by right or special permit. After further discussion on the merits of using various municipalities as a model/template for Brookline’s zoning and regulatory bylaws, the decision was made to continue with the Watertown model. It was decided the next step is to draft a proposed zoning definition of life science, research and development uses. This draft definition will be shared with Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert (counsel for Bulfinch) for her feedback. Discussion on the geographic areas and zoning districts where the defined uses would potentially be allowed will be held for a future meeting.

Jennifer pointed out that there could be both a zoning bylaw and an authorizing general bylaw to develop Biosafety health and safety regulations. She likened this two-part process to the approach used in developing the Town’s cannabis regulations . A developer would need a special permit to build, and a life science laboratory tenant would require a license to operate. Jennifer believes such a new general bylaw could be used to create a board with the authority to issue licenses and regulate the labs. She also recommended the regulations put the responsibility on the applicant to pay for all Peer Reviewers the Town may require

Paul asked if Jennifer could obtain examples of the biosafety licensing applications Bulfinch’s tenants have used in other cities and towns.

Town counsel’s advice and assistance will be needed in this process. Marilyn will prepare a list of legal authority questions that the Subcommittee has relating to enabling the regulatory process. Paul stated that it will be Kara Brewton’s responsibility to speak with counsel and determine which attorney(s) will support this effort.

Regarding the infrastructure necessary to support life science development, the committee members agreed public safety/fire, the Water and Sewer Department, Building in addition to Public Health need to be contacted.

Paul Saner will give a brief report to the full EDAB committee at its next meeting and in advance of the meeting we will circulate the current draft of the Subcommittee's consolidated notes.

The audience for the Subcommittee's final written report will be the Select Board, Dr. Jett and the Public Health Advisory Committee, in addition to the Advisory Committee and Town Meeting..

Carol agreed to draft an outline/table of contents for the report and start work on an executive summary.

Paul is networking with residents with life science professionals along with Patricia Maher. He will develop a timeline for the remaining work of the Subcommittee, with the goal of providing a draft report to EDAB for its feedback by August 9, and a public meeting in late September. To accomplish this, due diligence with Town officials needs to be wrapped up by July 12.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 PM.