

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, October 17, 2019 Quorum: 5:43pm Adjourn: 6:43pm
Location	Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Supervisor Jay Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mayor Gary Bassett, VoR ● Supervisor Jay Baisley, ToP ● Town Board Neil Krupnick (ToHP) ● Town Board Bill Carlos (ToP) ● Emily Svenson (ToHP) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● From the public: Doreen Tignanelli (ToP resident), Europa McGovern (HVRC and CoP Waterfront Advisory Committee).

Regular Business

1. Call To Order at 5:43.
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination. Bassett, Krupnick, Baisley. Three voting members present (no quorum).
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Past Adjournment
 - a. 9/19/19 minutes.
 - i. Tabled due to no quorum.**
4. Communications and Announcements
 - a. V/Rhinebeck is undertaking a 1.5 mile improvement to distribution lines - \$4.6 million. Largest capital project village has ever taken. Developer "Grant Street" will start construction. Of project cost, \$2.2 million is state grant (\$2.2 million = 60% of original cost estimate of \$3.4 million. Updated cost estimate is now \$4.6 million.)
5. Public Comment
 - a. **Doreen Tignanelli** pointed out that Supervisor Jay Baisley was missing from the September minutes (in attendance). She also said that with rains, two (2) CSO's overflow from Poughkeepsie. It's

untreated discharge. I don't care how diluted it is or how many years its been going on.

i. Amend minutes to reflect minutes correction.

b. **Europa McGovern** introduced herself. She is the planner for HV Regional Council; chair of Waterfront Advisory Committee. She asked for an update on Central Hudson dredging status. A Discussion followed of Central Hudson coal tar cleanup project.

i. **Bill Carlos:** DEC is waiting for Central Hudson to submit a new plan for protecting Poughkeepsie's drinking water supply. No new updates, that those present are aware of.

1. Timeline:

a. 2015 cleanup plan

b. 2018 Dec: Sheen

c. 2019: \$17M additional investment in protections for the drinking water supply

d. 2019 Oct: Revised plan insufficient

ii. **? from Europa McGovern:** How would a source water protection plan influence the next cleanup?

1. **Answers:** Public awareness, prioritization of concerns/actions, source water assessment to ID hazards, ability to apply for grants.

2. **Gary Bassett:** Ulster/Dutchess PCBs press conference focused on H7 drinking water.

3. **EM:** HV Regional Council receives EPA 604b planning water quality funding; entering 4-year execution contract. Components include MS4 training for municipal officials; watershed planning seminars and drinking water source protection planning program. HV Regional Council will be able to apply limited technical assistance to one small community per year, for four years. (ie, not Hudson 7) HVRC would facilitate source water planning process. HV Regional Council working with separate set of communities than have applied to be part of DWSP2 program.

a. Hudson 7 to follow-up with Europa re: Funding opportunities via HVRG. Rebecca to discuss with Dan.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection initiatives

- a. Central Hudson (CH) Update.
 - i. No additional discussion.
- b. Coast Guard Spill Drill
 - i. Riverkeeper to draft letter for next month.
- a. GE PCB's
 - i. Every municipality has been asked to sign on to support Dutchess/Ulster legal action.
 - ii. ?: What is the impact of PCBs on drinking water? Meets Safe Drinking Act, but what is a fuller answer to the persistent question from the public?

1. Suggestion made that Gary ask Randy to report back to the group with a fuller description of PCBs in the Hudson, and what drinking water systems test for and do relative to PCBs.

2. Water Infrastructure

- a. Mayor Rolison and City Administrator Marc Nelson will attend the Hudson 7's meeting in November to discuss infrastructure and Veiola.

3. Funding

- a. Q: What funding are H7 communities applying for, given recent passage of some application deadlines for infrastructure funding and/or CFA?
 - i. Gary: Rhinebeck has Phase 2 plans for supply side infrastructure issues (next phase following project described above). No others present identified projects that they are currently seeking funding for?
 - ii. Gary: Coordinator position is still a goal, too. Idea is to pay for a coordinator position for the council to both coordinate meetings and to help take some of the information we have and develop more specific plans for infrastructure / source water protection.

1. Suggestion: Riverkeeper to present at upcoming meeting to refresh group on Scorecard results and recommendations.

New Business

1. Next month's meeting will take place at the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority.
 - a. December meeting: Refresher on Scorecard results
 - b. Rebecca: to verify there's a meeting space at the plant where we can hear, and if not, arrange for a tour of the plant followed by meeting at another location where business can be conducted. Suggestion: Nearby boat club?

Adjournment.

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:43pm.

- **Vote to adjourn next month with quorum.**