

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, January 17th, 2019 Quorum: 5:35pm Adjourn: Around 7:00pm
Location	Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility, Marist College
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Secretary	Councilwoman Emily Svenson, Town of Hyde Park (w/ assistance by Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper)
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mayor Gary Bassett, VoR (Chair) ● Councilwoman Emily Svenson, ToH (Secretary) ● Supervisor Shannon Harris, ToE ● Randy Alstadt, PWTF (CoP Alternate rep) ● Bill Carlos ToP (Alternate rep) ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper ● From the public: Doreen Tignanelli (ToP), Damian Helbling (Cornell University), Dan Shapley (Riverkeeper), Jenna Chippendale (Rep Maloney's Office), Victor Cornelius (Endenvon Municipal Government), Erin Moore (Tighe & Bond).

Regular Business

- 1. Call to order at 5:39pm.**
- 2. Roll Call and Quorum Determination. (See above).**
- 3. Approval of minutes. (10/25/18)**
 - a. Bill motion.
 - b. Emily second.
 - c. All in favor 4/0.
- 4. Communications and Announcements.**
 - a. Emily Svenson will be stepping down from the Town of Hyde Park Town Board as Ward 1 Councilwoman, although she would like to

stay involved. Supervisor Aileen Rohr will attend, or assign someone new. Hudson 7 will need to appoint a new secretary in the near future.

5. Public Comment.

- a. Doreen Tignanelli: Voting members section of the Hudson 7 Bylaws need clarification regarding Primary Representatives being elected officials and Alternate Representatives not needing to be. **Emily Svenson will amend language.**

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection Initiatives

- a. Hudson 7 was to obtain source water assessments and maps from Paul Kaczmarczyk (NYS DOH) for Elisa Chae to do the project she has offered to the council.
 - i. Gary Bassett had not gotten the maps for the Hudson 7 yet. Bill Carlos asked whether or not they needed them for the whole watershed. Dan Shapley said that the DEC wouldn't undertake the project without maps coming from the DOH. With the upcoming NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program the group decided it could table this item until the outcome of the application was known.
 1. Gary, tabled item
 2. Bill motion
 3. Randy second
 4. All in favor 4/0.
- b. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program: 2/15 Deadline
 - i. Dan Shapley gave a summary of the program. After the Newburgh crisis, Riverkeeper advocated for source water protection around the state. The program is the state's reaction. 30 communities will be selected, and he hopes that Hudson 7 will be selected (7 communities of the 30). The state would pay a contractor to re-do the SWAP risk characterizations and action plan for what can be done to reduce risks. It is a 3 year

program, where in the 1st year, the assessment work and planning would be done and in years 2 and 3 the implementation. The municipality would not be required to spend any money, they only require staff time available to support the program (who have institutional knowledge of the drinking water system). Emily asked for clarification as to whether or not a municipality would be signing on for three years or just one year and then be required to apply for more. Dan confirmed that the state wants a 3 year commitment and the kind of attention by a cohesive group like Hudson 7.

- ii. Erin Moore of Tighe & Bond volunteered to put together application for the Hudson 7. She presented the group with a fact sheet, sample letter and application. Town of Esopus have volunteered to be the lead applicant. If selected, there is only a commitment of time, and those selected would meet with DEC and DOH. The deadline for the application is 2/15, and each municipality needs to pass a resolution to allow it to sign off on the letter of recommendation for the application. Rebecca will identify upcoming town/city/village board/council meetings and provide support so that materials are returned to Erin in a timely fashion. Gary reminded the group to indicate whether or not they have a municipal engineer (and not consultant)
 1. Gary: Motion that Hudson 7 Council submit one application to represent all seven communities with Shannon Harris, ToE as lead applicant.
 2. Emily: Should we do so without the other communities to vote who are not in attendance? Gary: We have a quorum. Randy: Has approval to vote for the CoP.
 3. Gary: Motion to proceed as a council, and individual municipalities can approve or not.
 4. Bill: Motion
 5. Randy: Second
 6. All in favor 4/0.

7. Emily: Get the DCWWA involved. Make sure they know and agree to this proposal.

c. 604b Source Water Protection Funding

i. Emily updated the council on oney 604b federal funds that is being given by HV Regional Councils (and not the REDC) for water quality issues and source water protection. They are interested in working with the Hudson 7, and would like for us to stay in touch.

1. Add Europa McGovern to the Hudson 7 list.

d. Disinfection byproduct precursors at Hudson River drinking water intakes

i. Randy sent the survey to all water operators but didn't hear back from anyone.

1. Gary asked that he make sure to copy mayors and supervisors so that they can support him with those who haven't responded.

e. Hudson 7 Infrastructure

- i. Gary motion to table discussion
- ii. Bill: Second
- iii. All in favor 4/0.

2. Hudson 7 Bylaws

a. List of See "Appendix A" for a current list of non-voting members.

i. Emily: Can we reach out to request that the Dutchess County Health Dept. sign-on as a non-voting member?

b. Page 3: Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, Administration and Volunteers.

i. Complete.

c. Page 3: Compensation and Fees, Executive Committee.

i. Jay: "ToP would not be willing to give the committee the right to spend without town board approval."

1. Clarification that the council can't spend any municipalities money. EMILY: Council cannot vote to require any members to pay money into the council.

- d. Page 6: Committees and Amendments.
 - i. Complete
- e. Page 7: Dissolution
 - i. Complete
- f. Policies for future to include meeting cancellations.
 - i. Rebecca to find a model language (i.e.: If CoP schools are closed, meeting is canceled and notification will be put on our website for the public)
 - 1. Emily Motion. Willing to craft language.
 - 2. Gary: Second
 - 3. All in favor. 4/0

3. Designation of Alternates on the Hudson 7 Council

- a. Town of Esopus: Dan asked Shannon to provide a letter to put in writing the town's appointments to the council.
 - i. Rebecca to resend request from October, 2018.
- b. Town of Lloyd: The Council will work to reach out to Supervisor Hansut before the next meeting to get his appointments that could include the Water Plant Manager.

4. Potential Upcoming Presentation Ideas.

- a. Central Hudson and DEC to discuss MGP cleanup and additional intake monitoring for Poughkeepsie and/or Highland and/or others.
 - i. Gary tabled the discussion until the end of the meeting.
 - ii. Gary motion
 - iii. Bill Second
 - iv. All in favor 4/0
- b. OCDOH Watershed Violations (DS)
 - i. There is an annual forum that the DOH hosts and asks water suppliers to send in their watershed violations. Randy said it's not something that he has pursued.
 - 1. More research to understand the difference between wells and rivers regarding this matter. The group would like to reschedule a discussion on this for another time.
- c. USGS Harmful Algae Bloom Presentation (DS)

- i. Dan said that there are other source water groups that the DEC has convened to give presentations on HAB's in big rivers. The Hudson 7 might want to ask USGS to come and make a presentation here. DEC is planning a study in two communities on the Mohawk River. Maybe we could pair up Water operators?
 1. Dan suggested we plan a session where guests are specifically invite and can look into it more. Gary asked about organizing a spring/fall meeting with water operators with presentations.

New Business

1. **2019 Hudson 7 Meeting Dates. Third thursday (5:30 - 6:30) of each month confirmed by Randy.**
 - a. 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21. Off in December.
 - i. Gary motion
 - ii. Randy second.
 - iii. All in favor: 4/0.
2. **PRESENTATION: Damian E. Helbling and Dan Shapley, "Micropollutants in the Hudson River Estuary"**
 - a. Fact Sheet (attached with minutes)
 - b. Slide Presentation
 - c. For more information on the original of the study:
<https://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/news/water-quality/study-finds-diverse-set-pharmaceuticals-micropollutants-hudson-river-estuary/>
 - d. Future webinar with Dan and Damian to share this information more widely.
3. Discussion of Central Hudson MGP cleanup and impacts on Poughkeepsie treatment plant. Discussion of need for modeling to understand impacts of sources of contamination.

Time (tba): Adjourned. Motion, Gary. Second, Emily. (Lacking Quorum).

- Randy had left the room, and voted upon his return, which is after Emily had left. Doreen (member of the public) pointed out that there was never a quorum for the vote by the group in the same room at the same time. Start the next meeting by formally officially adjourning the last.