

Meeting	REMOTE Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, April 16, 2020 Quorum: 5:40pm Adjourn: 6:40pm
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 Shannon Harris, ToE ● Town Board Neil Krupnick, ToHP ● Town Board Bill Carlos, ToP ● Randy Alstadt, CoP (on phone) ● Emily Svenson, ToHP ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (coordinator) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper (presenter) ● Paul Malmrose (presenter)

Regular Business

1. The meeting was called to order at **5:40pm**.
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination. Bassett, Harris, Krupnick, Alstadt, Carlos. **Five voting members present (quorum)**.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Past Adjournment
 - a. 2/20/20 minutes
 - i. **Carlos/Harris. Motion carried (Krupnick abstained)**
4. Zoom Meetings will be organized going forward.
5. Paul Malmrose gave an update on his upcoming presentation at the New York Section American Water Works Association on the Hudson 7 on July 9, 2020. He requested photographs from the council that might include oil tankers on the river shoreline (train) and the Central Hudson clean-up site.

He might be able to get photos himself from the Walkway over the Hudson. He asked how he could get a copy (not the link from YouTube) of the City of Poughkeepsie video that features the Hudson 7 (infrastructure/clean drinking water). Paul also suggested that along with Randy providing information to the council regarding salinity the Village or Rhinebeck provide information on PH.

a. Randy Alstadt will get the video for Paul.

b. Dan offered to provide images for Paul via Riverkeeper.

6. Dan provided an update on the Coastal Storm Management study being halted. As per a tweet from President Trump, the funding was suspended is what it appeared to be. The DEC and Army Corps of Engineers said it is on pause for a year and hoping to get funding and resume in a year. In a limbo due to there being no federal funding.

a. Gary said that the Hudson 7 would take this off the agenda until it's applicable, and asked for Dan to update the council when it is in play again.

7. The Village of Athens C&D proposal application was pulled and the project will not occur.

8. The Hudson 7 did not receive any written public comments by 4/15 EOB deadline. Doreen Tignanelli (ToP) sent an email to Dan Shapley during the meeting to report that she was on the phone and requests/suggests/identifies that the public should have a 'voice' to speak their own public comments.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection Initiatives

a. The 2/12 meeting was discussed in March and therefore, Gary moved forward to give an update on the 4/14 meeting. John Lipscomb (Riverkeeper) and Randy Alstadt (PWTF and Hudson 7 Technical Advisor) were present. They do not expect to hold the spill drill until further notice due to COVID. The Hudson 7 will be alerted when they are to reconvene. Randy reported that they are looking forward to rescheduling and will rely on the council to understand how their emergency efforts will relate to drinking water utilities.

- b. Dan Shapley provided a recap of an Ulster/Dutchess Tributaries meeting that occurred on 2/25 at the Poughkeepsie Water Treatment Facilities' (as authorized by the council to represent the Hudson 7). Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro called the meeting to bring both counties together to provide support to the Hudson 7 municipalities (all located in Dutchess and Ulster) and to follow their lead. The intention stated was to build upon the NYS Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP2) grant assuming that the Hudson 7 succeeds in acquiring the state's support (the announcements however have been put on hold due to COVID). Either way the counties could provide a hub of expertise and would wait to learn the outcome of the DWSP2:
- i. If the Hudson 7 succeeds in securing the grant, the counties can learn from the three year process and apply that to other municipalities throughout both counties.
 - ii. If the Hudson 7 does not succeed in securing the grant, the counties could access its capacity to step in to help with the planning process (GIS).
 - a. Dan suggested that the counties each send a representative to an upcoming H7's meeting.**
- c. Dan Shapley presented the Hudson 7 updated Scorecard results and recommendations and action steps. At the last meeting, the council walked through bullet points. A new updated version of the document was created for the meeting in order to reflect on areas of progress (highlighted) as well as while missed items (that are crossed out). Dan Shapley presented the following ideas:
- i. Authorize creation of work plan identifying monthly meeting topics to ensure progress on priorities
 - ii. Authorize convening of water plant operators and topic (some options: ID largest water users and create master document, document treatment differences, document emergency backup plans, spill drill prep.

1. A water infrastructure report is underway but not finished. If the Hudson 7 was interested in it, Dan said that he could pick it up and finish it.

- iii. Authorize creation of draft stakeholder list
- iv. Authorize any immediate followup actions needed relative to spill drill
- v. Authorize stream, wetland and watershed code review.
 - 1. Emily Svenson as Technical Advisor has offered to look at land use laws in all seven Hudson 7 municipalities (it will not cover the whole watershed) to identify how the Hudson 7 regulates land use and water resource impacts. Her plan would be to work with the PACE Law Land Use protocol for doing such a review, and go through the codes as a cursory product to show what's in place currently as a starting point. The codes are all online (through ecode). Shannon Harris mentioned that the Town of Esopus is in the midst of a code revision and that it would be helpful to include any recommendations from this effort. They are on schedule to hold a remote public meeting on this in August or September.
- d. Shannon Harris asked if there were any COVID objectives or best practices for water plant operators as in some cases, they serve dual roles between water/sewer. PM said that there are national organizations for water and wastewater operators that have published guidelines for wastewater. **It's important for the public to know that COVID is not transmitted through drinking water.** More education on COVID would be helpful for water/wastewater operators to make sure there is no cross contamination between wastewater/water plant operators and as it pertains to sewage discharge into the Hudson River. Maybe organizing something in the fall, or press points? GB said that Dan sent information from CDC and EPA and WEF (sewer operators) that it put in plain words on COVID for wastewater/DPW/water operators. Dan said he would

look for other resources with Paul and Randy. GP said that he also created an emergency plan with [Camo Pollution Control](#) out of Poughkeepsie. They are prepared to come on to support the VoR in the case his workers become sick with COVID.

- i. Dan and Paul to send resources to the Hudson 7 communities.**
- ii. Shannon asked if Gary could provide a few sentences on backup plan by Camo to include for the ToE consideration.**

2. Water Infrastructure

- a. The group discussed CHPE attending a future Hudson 7 meeting. Randy said they are moving forward and there will be a need to coordinate their efforts with the Hudson 7 water intakes.
 - i. Randy will reach out to them and discuss a time for them to join the Hudson 7 remotely or otherwise.**
- b. Sludge results from the PWTF were presented. They showed nothing out of the ordinary.
- c. A discussion on equipment sharing was tabled for next month.
 - i. Bill/Randy. Motion carried.**
 - 1. Please bring this agenda item to the May agenda.**

3. New Business

- a. Randy said that he attended two USCG meetings on the same day. They discussed a wind farm going in near New York City, with the anchorage for the footings for the project to be placed North of us (PWTF) in Hudson. The turbines are 275 meters across making it a very large project. He also received a call from Dutchess County DOH. They've been in touch with the Central Hudson about their dredging program and their plan b could impact to the PWTF's intake. The moon pool self destructed in the river and they are now thinking about hydraulic/vacuum dredging.

- i. Bill Carlos suggested that he and Randy have coffee with Mark from Central Hudson.**
- b. PM suggested that the Hudson 7 write a thank you note to all water treatment operators for their efforts during COVID.
 - i. Outreach to Gary about crafting the letter.**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourn 6:40pm. **Gary/Bill. Roll Call, motion carried.**