

Meeting	REMOTE Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, June 18, 2020 Quorum: 5:35pm Adjourn: 6:34pm
Location	Remote
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 ● Deputy Supervisor Neil Krupnick, ToHP ● Board Member Bill Carlos, ToP ● Randy Alstadt, CoP ● Emily Svenson (Technical Advisor, Land Use) ● Paul Malmrose (Technical Advisor, Engineering) ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (coordinator) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper (presenter)

Regular Business

1. The meeting was called to order at **5:35**
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination. Bassett, Harris, Krupnick, Alstadt, Carlos. **Five voting members present (quorum)**
3. Agenda Amendments
 - a. Gary entered into the record amendments to today's meeting that include re-electing council leadership as per the bylaws and coordinator position.
 - i. Bassett/Alstadt. Motion carried**
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. 5/21/20 minutes
 - i. Bassett/Harris. Motion carried**

5. Communications

- a. Read into record: the Hudson 7 two year anniversary blog post, Alain Petit's thank you letter to the Hudson 7 for the commendation letter during COVID, Hudson River Watershed Alliance 'toast to the tribes' change of date, Jessica Kuonen's update on the NY Sea Grant and [Doreen Tignanelli's public comment \(received on 6/9/20\) acknowledgment from 5/21/20](#) and Neil Curri's webinar powerpoint submission to the council "

6. Public Comment

- a. [Doreen Tignanelli, Town of Poughkeepsie: 5/21/20 communication read into the record.](#)
- b. Europa McGovern, Senior Environmental Resource Technician at Ulster County Department of the Environment.
 - i. Europa will be the liaison representing Ulster County at future Hudson 7 meetings.
- c. Close public comment
 - i. **Bassett/Krupnick. Motion passed.**

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection Initiatives

- a. Paul Malmrose said that the American Water Works Association (AWWA) event was canceled and therefore, he would not be presenting on the Hudson 7. There is some discussion that it will be moved to the fall. Paul will keep the group updated.
- b. Paul Malmrose shared information on the Endocrine Disruptor paper. He received information from Randy Alstadt on micropollutants and encouraged the group to keep pushing to find out what the effects of these chemicals are at wastewater treatment plants. Dan explained that the pharmaceutical results in the Rondout Creek at the City of Kingston outfall was largely due to the sample being taken directly from the outfall before it ended up diluted in the creek. Emily Svenson asked if ozone treatment would reduce chemicals in drinking water. Paul said that Ozone oxidizes pharmaceuticals and Randy had

collected results to prove that. It would be a great feature, but it is very expensive. It is something that we want to use in advocacy, but as a last resort. The drug take back program would be a helpful step. Gary asked if the report should be sent out to Hudson 7 municipalities with treatment plants.

i. **ACTION: Dan Shapley and Paul to edit the paper for the council to review and to send out.**

c. Supervisor Shannon Harris told the council that she will need to leave the meeting early. Gary Bassett asked to suspend old business for the time being to move to new business so that the council could vote on this evening's necessary items.

i. **Bassett/Krupnick. Motion passed**

d. Update on Central Hudson dredging of MGP site (Manufactured Gas Plant)

i. Randy gave an overview and said that the clam won't work because the Moon Pool wouldn't have allowed it. CH has been working over the past two weeks testing materials via a hold in the riverbed. He doesn't know what they are doing with the results, but they are considering resuming work in September. DEC wants CH to go with vacuum dredging otherwise, relocate away from the PWTF intake. Bill Carlos said that the Hudson 7 had originally suggested the hydraulic dredging before this began. He complimented CH for taking this step. Randy said that CH had offered to do something with their lease and instead of leasing, to purchase. They will be up and running by August.

ii. Gary Bassett asked if the Hudson 7 should write a letter to CH to thank them. Bill and Randy offered to help to write the letter. Dan Shapley suggests to make sure that the group compliments, but to also maintain that the Hudson 7 is keeping a watchful eye and that you are not approving everything.

1. ACTION: Bill and Randy will draft letter for the council to review.

- e. Stream, wetland and watershed code review
 - i. Emily Svenson did not have an update and said that she would need more time.
 - f. Update on NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - i. Esopus is in the planning process for their protection plan.
2. Water Operators
- a. Rebecca sent out 44 individual commendation letters from the Hudson 7 to all water/wastewater operators in the Hudson 7.
 - b. Next steps for convening operators and/or providing assistance during COVID
 - i. Gary said that this is his task. He needs to postpone at this time.
 - 1. ACTION: Gary to focus on this in the future. He will send a letter to both County Executives to ask if they might join the Hudson 7 virtually in August or September to discuss any emergency recovery scenarios.**
 - c. Equipment Share
 - i. Randy has nothing new to share right now. He will get to it, and said that the Town of Poughkeepsie might have some good equipment to share.
3. Coordination
- a. Funding update on Estuary Program grant schedule.
 - i. Dan said that normally, June was the time when the estuary grants are announced. The Estuary program management team met about 10 days ago or so. The program doesn't have a green light to start or a red light not to.
 - b. (Draft) Work Plan discussion based on priorities
 - i. Dan outlined the priorities that the council had identified from the list of scorecard recommendations. Gary asked about pursuing the county level's involvement as a priority. Dan said that Ulster County is represented (Europa McGovern relayed during public comment that she will act as liaison from Ulster County). The council needs to speak to Dutchess County to

send someone like Europa to participate and come up to speed on what Hudson 7 is doing. Dan also said that if the DWSPHII grant comes through, the counties could participate in helping to build the stakeholder group and perform outreach. Dan said that Gary should reach out to DC because the council speaking for itself is stronger. The group identified DC planning as a first step for contact.

1. **ACTION: Rebecca to send meeting notes from the February meeting with Ulster/Dutchess county to Dan and Gary.**
2. **ACTION: Gary will reach out to Eoin Wrafter, Dutchess County Commissioner of Planning and Development.**

New Business

1. Hudson 7 Secretary: Neil Krupnick, Town of Hyde Park, a/o July 1, 2020 for a one year term.
 - i. **Harris/Alstadt. Motion carried**
2. Re-elect Council Leadership as per bylaws
 - a. Village of Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett, Chairperson
 - b. Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Jay John Baisley, Vice Chair
 1. **Carlos/Alstadt. Motion carried**
3. Hudson 7 Coordinator
 - a. Rebecca Martin of Riverkeeper to continue to perform coordination duties for the Hudson 7, reporting to Chairperson Gary Bassett.
 - i. **Bassett/Carlos. Motion carried**

Adjournment: 6:34pm

- **Bassett/Carlos. Motion carried**