

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, June 28, 2018 5pm
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) ● Councilman Bill Carlos, ToP (Acting Vice Chair) ● Councilwoman Emily Svenson, ToH (Secretary) ● Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia, ToR ● Kerri DeGroat, ToH Conservation Advisory Council ● Melanie Marino, ToE Outreach Coordinator ● Don Kiernan, ToE Water Superintendent ● Michael Guerriero, ToL Councilman ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● From the public: Doreen Tignanelli, Erin Moore

AGENDA: VIEW

1. Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (HRDWIC)

Leadership.

a. Motion to elect officers.

- i. Elizabeth Spinzia, 1st
- ii. Emily Svenson, 2nd.
- iii. Passes unanimously.

b. Elizabeth nominates Mayor Gary Bassett as Chair.

- i. Elizabeth Spinzia, 1st
- ii. Emily Svenson, 2nd
- iii. Passes unanimously.

c. Emily nominates Supervisor Jay Baisley as Vice Chair. Although Jay is not present, the group discussed Bill Carlos, ToP councilman, to be an alternate when Jay is not available.

- i. Elizabeth Spinzia, 1st
- ii. Emily Svenson, 2nd
- iii. Passes unanimously.

d. Elizabeth nominates Emily as Secretary with support from Rebecca Martin of Riverkeeper in 2018.

- i. Elizabeth Spinzia, 1st
- ii. Gary Bassett, 2nd
- iii. Passes unanimously.

e. Terms will be one year and expire on July 1, 2019. Term limits were not discussed.

2. HRDWIC Advisory/Coordinator Position.

a. Components of the position could include:

- i. Knowledge of water treatment plants in the watershed (issues/coordination).
- ii. River items: contaminants, sampling, all science?
- iii. Implementation of items: helping the group to identify the work items (via the scorecard report) and taking action.
- iv. Rebecca Martin of Riverkeeper will commit to maintaining the basic coordinator needs of the group that include minutes taking, setting agendas and meetings and any other applicable needs to keep the council moving forward for 6 -12 months. This time will allow the group to identify funding solutions for hiring a coordinator.
- v. **No action taken. The group will discuss next month.**

3. HRDWIC Policy

a. The group agreed to review the draft policy document and make comments prior to the next meeting. [VIEW](#) policy doc

- b. Work in language to include procedure (and proper time) for approvals to be given on any fiscal action necessary for the intermunicipal council from town/village boards and city council.
 - c. **No action taken. The group will work on google document to discuss next month.**
4. Discussion on some short term goals.
- a. Dan Shapley: Request that the state create a new Source Water Assessment (SWA). Assessment process started. The council can ask for the state's help with a new assessment. Current one is 15-20 years old and incomplete. Maps of the watershed don't exist yet. A new SWA can allow the group to better plan, and maps can allow for a more comprehensive public education/outreach effort.
 - b. **Motion for Dan Shapley of Riverkeeper to draft a letter to send out by Gary Bassett in two weeks from today.**
 - i. Gary Bassett, 1st
 - ii. Emily Svenson, 2nd
 - iii. Passes unanimously.
 - c. Spot well testing in rural areas.
 - d. Ground truthing to identify all water bodies throughout the Hudson River Estuary watershed area.
 - e. Name tributaries.
5. Non-voting membership to HRDWIC.
- a. Elisa Chai, DEC
 - b. Riverkeeper
 - c. Dutchess County Water/Wastewater
 - d. Health Departments of Ulster/Dutchess Counties.
 - e. Center for Watershed Protection
 - i. **Compile complete list and pass as a HRDWIC 'resolution' as to be official and clear.**

- ii. **Follow-up by composing a letter to send out to identified non-voting members as an invitation.**

6. Review recommendations of scorecard grants.

- a. Hudson River Estuary program funds watershed planning. Council would be competitive. Deadline is July 11th and grant requires a 15% match (can be in-kind).
- b. Needs a municipal sponsor to pay out costs and be reimbursed by the program. They are good at paying right away after submitting quarterly reports.
 - i. **No action taken in 2018. Deadline is too close.**
- c. CFA grant deadline is July 27th.
 - i. **No action taken in 2018. Deadline is too close.**
- d. \$245 million for water infrastructure funding was just announced by Governor's office. The deadline is September 7th.
 - i. **The group will review infrastructure report at July meeting to discuss pooling applications.**

7. HRDWIC Meetings in 2018.

- a. The group discussed a monthly meeting throughout 2018. The days/dates times are:

Thursday July 19th - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday August 23rd 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday September 27th 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, October 25th 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, November 22nd 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, December 27th 5:30pm - 6:30pm

8. July Agenda

- a. Include discussion of Infrastructure report created by Riverkeeper.
- b. Add public comment period.
- c. Create a press release to send to the public.

- i. Action: Rebecca Martin of Riverkeeper to include items in next months agenda.**

9. Motion to adjourn meeting.

- a. Gary Bassett, 1st
- b. Elizabeth Spinzia, 2nd
- c. Meeting adjourned: 6:35pm**