

# **Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council**

Thursday, July 19, 2018

5:30 pm - 6:30pm

Chairman: Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)

Vice Chairman: Supervisor Jay Baisley. (ToR)

Secretary: Councilwoman and Deputy Supervisor Emily Svenson (ToH)

## **Regular Business**

1. Public Comment
2. Adoption of Minutes from 6/28/18
3. Communications
  - a. Doreen Tignanelli: Raw Sewage in the Hudson River

## **New Business**

1. Hudson 7 Infrastructure Report Review
2. Discuss September 7th deadline for \$245k for water infrastructure grants.
3. Update on letter to DOH/DEC re: new Source Water Assessment (SWA)
  - a. Review letter
  - b. DEC Hudson River Estuary Program's Source Water Evaluation
4. Meeting dates: November and December to be changed.
5. Annual Hudson River Watershed Alliance Conference 10/23
  - a. @ FDR Library in Hyde Park
  - b. HRDWIC invitation to present: 20-30 minute presentation

## **Old Business**

1. Review Bylaws
  - a. Identify non-voting members.
    - i. Water Plant Operators
    - ii. Wastewater Operators
    - iii. Others (See notes)
    - iv. Invitations to non-voting members
  - b. Inclusion of potential staff and/or volunteer support
  - c. Chairperson to act as spokesperson or point of contact
  - d. Communications
    - i. Public notice via press release?

**DEC Hudson River Estuary Program's Source Water Evaluation:**

The goal of this source water evaluation is to gather and synthesize existing information to better understand a given source water area, and then to share this information with local decision makers as a starting point for their use such as identifying possible gaps and local next steps to enhance long term source water protection.

The evaluation uses existing information to synthesize the big picture of a given drinking water supply system's source water drainage area. It takes other relevant water systems into account as much as possible, such as public water systems of neighboring municipalities that share the drainage area and private homeowner wells. The evaluation reviews information such as available GIS information (for example: public water systems, land cover, potential contaminant sources, protected areas), annual drinking water quality reports, Department of Health source water assessment reports, and local comprehensive plans, zoning regulations and engineering reports. If data is available, an analysis of a rough estimate of phosphorous loading and potential sources is included.

Estuary Program staff would be responsible for gathering the information for this evaluation, including one or two meetings with local experts such as water department or other local staff to verify information and understand local perspectives. The products from the Estuary Program would include maps and a written report covering topics such as the general characteristics of the drainage area, a brief review of local regulations, and current strengths as well as potential gaps in protection for the source water area.

Because this process relies on synthesizing various sources of data, any conclusions from the evaluation should be considered as initial impressions and should be ground-truthed and edited by local experts before being used for decision-making purposes.