

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, September 19, 2019 Quorum: 5:33pm Adjourn: 6:43pm
Location	Port Ewen Drinking Water 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 Jay Baisley, ToP (added) ● Supervisor Shannon Harris (ToE) ● Town Board Neil Krupnick (ToHP) ● Water Administrator Don Kiernan, (ToE) ● Town Board Bill Carlos (ToP) ● Water Administrator, Randy Alstadt (CoP) ● Emily Svenson (ToHP) ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper ● From the public: Paul E. Malmrose, Tighe and Bond (Rhinebeck), Phillipa Ewing (Ashworth Creative)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order at 5:33.
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination. Harris, Baisley, Carlos, Alstadt, Kiernan, Krupnick, Bassett, Svenson. Five voting members present.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Past Adjournment
 - a. 8/15/19 minutes.
 - i. Motion: Randy/Neil. Passes with one abstention (JB)**
4. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Emily Svenson said that she will no longer be a voting member for the ToHP on the Hudson 7 and will be replaced by Neil Krupnik. Emily will remain on the council as an alternate. The town board is currently working to pass a resolution to make this switch which will be done before the next meeting.
 - i. ACTION: Follow-up on ToHP resolution.**
5. Public Comment
 - a. Phillipa Ewing of Ashworth Creative discussed filming the Hudson 7 to be featured in a drinking water short video, a series that she has

been commissioned to do for the City of Poughkeepsie (CoP). Her first was on wastewater and CSO's. The council reviewed the story board, and asked to find a good date and time for the council to participate. Shannon asked if the Town of Esopus might be able to use some of the footage for her municipal website. Phillipa will ask the CoP for permission, as they are paying for it. She also offered to do the same for other Hudson 7 communities at a later time. Emily asked that frame #9 be changed to "...flow of DRINKING water". In frame #15, Emily also asked the council how it felt about advertising money available through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) having concerns that it may mislead the public in thinking that there is plenty of money to fix all of their infrastructure issues. Randy said that the municipality is seeking money through the fund so it was true. Jay suggested to keep the language open. Gary pointed out frame #16 to be sure to plug the Hudson 7.

- i. **Motion: The Hudson 7 agrees to participate in the CoP's Drinking Water short video. Jay/Neil. Passes unanimously.**

- 1. ACTION: Phillipa will send Rebecca dates and times for the group to choose from. Shannon will send Phillipa the new video clips from the May, 2018 Hudson 7 signing ceremony.**

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection initiatives

- a. Central Hudson (CH) Update.

- i. CH gave a presentation at the Town of Poughkeepsie's Town Hall a month ago. The dredging project would cost \$50m with an additional \$14m to that. The structure was to be a moon pool however instead, they learned during a phone call two days ago that they built a dock with a 40/60 hole that is held up by steel and that CH was going to go ahead with the project (the week of October 7 or 14) even though there were real risks to the water intake. The PWTF board wants to understand what happens if sheen gets into the water treatment facility? How much will it cost to treat, how much will get in there, etc. They asked for CH to do further tests to make sure nothing escapes, but CH was clear that they were moving forward regardless and that they appeared to be more concerned about their cleanup than our intakes. Randy said that the DEC and Department of Health (DOH) were placing pressure on CH to get moving. The

council discussed alerting the public in advance that CH is dredging and that it might cause interruption to water service. PWTF only has 36 hours of water available when the plant shuts down. Shannon suggested in order to get the DEC/DOH's attention, that the Hudson 7 host a press conference to get the media involved and call out the concerns with the dredging process and its proximity to the Poughkeepsies' drinking water intake (3000 feet) and include state reps. The outline of the talking points are: a) What's happening; b) What's at stake; c) What needs to happen; c) How can citizens help to halt plans for dredging until they can do tests to make sure nothing escapes into our drinking water intakes. Describe the threat to our drinking water supply as the project process currently stands.

1. **MOTION: Hudson 7 is committed to take action and move forward to help protect the CoP drinking water by scheduling a Press Conference on October 1st at 9am at the PWTF. Shannon/Neil. Passes unanimously.**

a. ACTION: Council members will submit their comments for a press release to Rebecca by 9/25 and help to coordinate the event. Gary will be in touch with the Governor's office. Shannon will call the DEC. Randy will call the DOH. Neil will call Spectrum News.

b. ACTION: The group would like to have a map of all of the Hudson 7 intakes. John Lipscomb and Dan Shapley may have that information.

b. Regional Source Water Meeting.

i. The Hudson 7 discussed potentially hosting one of the upcoming regional source water meetings. The DEC is seeking volunteers. They are held quarterly, so presumably the next meeting would be in the winter sometime. No action was taken.

New Business

Adjournment.

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:43pm. Jay/Randy. So moved.