

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, June 20, 2019 Quorum: 5:31pm Adjourn: 6:35pm
Location	Rhinebeck 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"> ● Councilman Bill Carlos, ToP, Supervisor Aileen Rohr, Town of Hyde Park; ● Water Administrator, Randy Aldstadt, City of Poughkeepsie; Don Kiernan, Town of Esopus and Bryan Alix, Village of Rhinebeck ● Rebecca Martin and Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● From the public: Emily Vale, Hudson River Watershed Alliance; Daniel Valentine, Tighe and Bond (Rhinebeck).

Regular Business

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm with a quorum met (5 municipalities represented). **The Hudson 7 council were given a tour of the Rhinebeck Water Facility by Chief Operator Bryan Alix.**
2. A motion to approve meeting minutes from 5/16/19.
 - a. *Gary/Jay - Carried*
3. Communications and Announcements
 - a. The group discussed the Hudson 7's first year anniversary and the recent Riverkeeper post that highlighted seven of its achievements.
 - b. In an email by Simon Gruber (former president of the HRWA board of directors), he shared an example with Dan Shapley of an example of a municipality paying dues to a watershed group for programming. Dan wasn't suggesting a specific project. It was an idea that he wanted to bring to the council. Randy said that he placed three people through an apprentice program via the City of Poughkeepsie, one of

them went on to earn their operators license with experience through doing the actual work. They are paid as a trainee which is less than an operator position, but a starting point. CoP had four staff, now have 8 because of the program.

- i. **ACTION: Rebecca to create an “Ideas” folder in the Hudson 7 Google Doc file.**

4. There was no public comment.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection initiatives

- a. Emily Vail, Hudson River Watershed Alliance briefed the council on a Climate Smart Resiliency Planning grant that she is working on with the Nature Conservancy through the Hudson River Estuary Program (grant application due date of July 10). They would like to bring together 2 - 5 communities in Ulster/Dutchess to collaborate and wants to learn of the Hudson 7's interest. Jay Baisley said that the Town of Poughkeepsie had gone through the process with 10-15 staff members participating. He felt it was a worthwhile effort and helped with their master plan. The council agreed to provide letters of support from the council and each of the seven municipalities individually. There is no cost. Cornell Cooperative would fill out the resiliency.

- i. A motion was made to authorize Gary to write a letter of support for the grant application.

1. Randy/Aileen - Carried

- a. **ACTION: Rebecca to help coordinate letters with Emily.***

b. HREP Grant Application for Hudson 7 Strategic Planning Grant due July 10.

- i. The group discussed submitting their own application for a strategic planning grant that would allow the Hudson 7 to hire a consultant to coordinate the group part time over two years. They would be charged in helping the council create a strategic plan and to move forward on goals, networking and educational opportunities. The Village of Rhinebeck is willing to sponsor

the application. A discussion regarding intermunicipal councils having staff, and a coordinator for the Hudson 7 could help to identify and write applicable grants and keep track of what grants others are working on within the watershed.

1. A motion to draft a resolution for all municipalities to present to their board /council members.

- a. *Gary/Randy - Carried*

- i. **ACTION: Rebecca to create a resolution using language from the letter of support to pass through town boards / city council.**

- c. Discuss/Set quarterly meeting for operators.

- i. The council continues to move meetings to visit other Hudson 7 water facilities. They will be back in PoK on 7/18 and 8/15. Port Ewen will host on 9/19. 10/15 and 11/21 are currently open.

- d. The group did not discuss mapping of largest water users in each community.

- i. **ACTION: Rebecca will add the list to tasks that could be taken on by a coordinator.**

- e. Hudson 7 Water Quality Reports: Release

- i. The council was asked if a combined synopsis of everyone's water quality reports should be released. Most agreed it would be confusing to the public. Randy suggested that a coordinator could put out a public notification to drive the public to the Hudson 7 website. **Dan suggested that each municipality place a paragraph about the Hudson 7 in their Source Water reports instead.**

- f. Hydrodynamic Dye Test Study updates

- i. Randy updated the group regarding the upcoming dye test on 6/17. The consultant that the city hired had concerns, but the test are going forward anyway with Central Hudson suggesting that they didn't understand what they were trying to do. DEC we need a study that Dr. Chan says we need, and let CH do a study of what we need. Dredging in September.

1. A motion was made for the Hudson 7 to draft a letter (Randy) to the DEC.
 - a. *Gary/Randy - motion carried*
 - g. Wheelabrator Ash Issue in Catskill resolved for now.
 - h. Bylaws were tabled
 - i. **ACTION: Rebecca to set-up a conference call for Gary, Emily and Jay to complete and present bylaws for passage.**
2. Hudson 7 Secretary
 - a. Hudson 7 leadership will be addressed at the July meeting.

Adjournment (6:35pm)

- A motion was made to adjourn.
 - *Gary/Aileen - carried.*