

Meeting	REMOTE Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, September 17, 2020 Quorum: 5:32pm Adjourn: 6:43pm
Location	Remote
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Supervisor Jay Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie
Secretary	Deputy Supervisor Neil Krupnick, Town of Hyde Park
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mayor Gary Bassett, VoR ● Deputy Supervisor Neil Krupnick, ToHP ● Randy Alstadt, CoP ● Supervisor Shannon Harris ToE ● Deputy Supervisor Russ Gilmore ToL ● City Administrator Marc Nelson CoP ● Paul Malmrose (Technical Advisor, Engineering) ● Emily Svenson (Technical Advisor, Land Use) ● Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Representative ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (coordinator) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper (presenter) ● Richard Webster, Riverkeeper (guest) ● Victoria Leung, Riverkeeper (guest) ● Presentation guests (see below for list)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order 5:32
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Neil Krupnick (ToHP), Randy Alstadt (CoP/ToP and Technical Advisor), Shannon Harris (ToE), Russ Gilmore (ToL). **Five voting members (quorum)**
3. Approval of 8/20/20 minutes
 - a. **Krupnick/Nelson. Motion carried to approve minutes**
4. Communications
 - a. Dutchess County Fire Training Center (Hyde Park) – Site Added to State's Superfund Registry

- i. This contaminated site is on the Fallkill in Town of Poughkeepsie, several miles upstream of the creek's confluence with the Hudson. The confluence is right at the same point the MGP site is, so we do know that water there reaches the intakes on the flood tide. The Hudson 7 will want to know if there is any concern for these chemicals reaching the Hudson and any of the intakes and may wish to schedule a briefing by DEC/DOH in the near future. It's less urgent than the MGP site, because there's too little data now to know if there is any potential risk. By raising your hand you will put Hudson River drinking water on the DEC/DOH list of concerns for the work to come at this site.
- ii. Dan was in touch with the DEC project manager and suggested that the Hudson 7 and PWTF be added to their contact list. The project manager was thankful for the suggestion and wanted to know who should be the point of contact.

1. ACTION: Add names. Gary Bassett and Randy Aldstat. Added as a recurring item. Get on the list to receive information about this from the DEC

5. Public Comment

- a. Jessica Kuonen: New projects related to community resilience
 - i. A FEMA-funded project led by NYSG that will be developing an ArcGIS story map to act as a resource for local officials and residents about best practices around shoreline flooding and erosion, and I think water-quality plays an important role in this. We'll be conducting a needs assessment this fall and my ask for the Hudson 7 members is if they would be interested in participating in an interview or focus group, and whether they have municipal staff or shoreline residents that would be good to talk to as well.
 - ii. A Flood Watch system to the Hudson, where residents can upload photos of nuisance flooding, urban flooding, and storm damage to a website so we can begin documenting these climate impacts on a large, consistent scale with the hope that it

could inform planning efforts and flood model validation. This project is in partnership with other northeast Sea Grants.

1. Gary asked in VoR, doing a study with Marist on the impacts of flooding along the lansingkill. Of interest to receive that information?

a. ACTION: Rebecca to connect Jessica and Gary following the meeting.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Source Water Protection initiatives
 - a. Champlain Hudson Power Express presentation request
 - i. Based on Shannon Harris' inquiries, Riverkeeper identified the best contact in regards to requesting a presentation to show diagrams of the latest path and buried depth and to answer the council's questions. A request letter was sent to Jennifer Laird-White, Communications Relations Director of CHPE.
 - b. Hudson 7 presentation and NYS American Water Works Association
 - i. **PM:** Making arrangements for a meeting with members of the Hudson 7 to review the presentation outside of regular Hudson 7 meetings.
 - c. Update on Municipal code review
 - i. **ES:** Previously completed the ToE and ToR, she has finished ToP this month. The Hudson 7 will review the document next month.
 - d. Update on NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - i. **DS:** Dan advised that the Hudson 7 could write a letter to DEC and DOH as a community that's applied. Perhaps Esopus who was the lead from the Hudson 7. The program is still alive and going to happen. Dan has confirmed that they hired the consultants, Barton and Loguidice and Chazen Companies are confirmed as having the contacts. They have still haven't announced the communities who will benefit from the consultants to provide their expertise. Shannon suggested that she put in an inquiry to follow up.

1. ACTION: Shannon Harris to send a letter to the DEC and DOH for an update

- ii. Dutchess and Ulster County updates (Brad or Europa)
 - 1. Gary described Brad and Europa's role representing both Ulster and Dutchess counties. Rad introduced himself as an environmental planner for the county planning department and assigned to work with Hudson 7. Europa, Brad, Dan, and county reps will meet on October 7 to discuss what each can provide and who can do what. Although we would prefer to use the state contract if possible, there are some things we can do on our own.
 - a. ACTION: Rebecca to follow-up on meeting**

2. Water Operators

- a. Next steps for convening operators and/or providing assistance during COVID
 - i. Gary hasn't yet had an opportunity to send a letter to convene operators.
- b. Equipment share
 - i. Randy started a equipment share list, and now it's a living document. Shared Service Agreement language next month
 - 1. ACTION: Rebecca to resend the equipment share list link**
 - ii. Town of Lloyd and PWTF recent share story
 - 1. PWTF was contacted by the ToL problems with their centrifuges. Randy sent head maintenance and supervisor to see how we could help. We were really glad we got the call and to participate to see where we could help.

3. Coordination

- a. Funding
 - i. Pertaining to the Estuary Program. The word that DS received from the management advisory committee meeting is that they are still expecting to have a grant program, maybe even this year. But it's still on pause (supposed to be released in May or June).

4. Hudson 7 Bylaws

- a. Adopt proposed changes from 8/20/20 (30 day window)
 - i. Propose having Dutchess Planning and Ulster Department of Environment listed as "agencies that assist with source water protection actions" in the current definition, and so the council can designate a non-voting member from each. A revision to the bylaws might be usefully made to note that "agencies" can be granted standing seats that are designated by agency, not by individual.
 - ii. Amend 'amendments': 30 days with the exception of membership changes outlined in the document.
 1. **Motion to approve bylaw amendments.
Bassett/Krupnick. Motion carried to approve amendments**

Presentation

[Update and Q&A on Central Hudson Manufactured Gas Plant \(MGP\) Site, Poughkeepsie](#) (*click on hyperlink to review the Hudson 7 presentation*)

Present: **Mark L. McLean**, Senior Project Manager, Central Hudson; **Douglas MacNeal**, Senior Engineer and Project Manager, Division of Environmental Remediation of the Department of Environmental Conservation; **Daniel Eaton**, Section Chief at NYSDEC; **John Maserjian**, Media Relations Director, Central Hudson; **Joe Jenkins**, Associate Director of Media Relations, Central Hudson; **Min-Sook Kim**, NYSDOH Water Supply Protection; **James Upright**, Senior Public Health Engineer, Dutchess County Government; **James Teed**, Senior Public Health Engineer, Dutchess County; **Grant Jiang**, Metropolitan Regional Office/Source Water Issues NYSDOH; **Maureen Schuck**, Regional Chief for Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigations, NYSDOH; **Kristin Kulow**, Project Manager, NYSDOH; **Janet Brown**, NYSDEC.

Materials: A copy of the powerpoint is located on the [Hudson 7 website minutes page](#).

Adjournment 6:43pm

Bassett/Gilmore. Motion carried