

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, July 19th, 2018 5:30 - 6:30pm Quorum: 5:40pm Adjourn 6:40pm
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) ● Supervisor Jay Baisley, ToP (Vice Chair) ● Councilwoman Emily Svenson, ToH (Secretary) ● Supervisor Shannon Harris, ToE ● Melanie Marino, ToE Outreach Coordinator ● Randy Alstadt, PWTF (sitting in for CoP) ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper ● From the public: Randolph Horner

AGENDA: [VIEW](#)

1. Regular Business

a. Public Comment.

- i. Randolph Horner: federal grant application concept for the Hudson 7.

b. Adoption of Minutes from 6/28/18

- i. Gary Bassett, moved.
- ii. Emily Svenson, 2nd.
- iii. Passes unanimously.

c. Communications.

- i. The council discussed a submission by Doreen Tignanelli from the ToP re: Raw Sewage in the Hudson River. Randy Alstadt informed the group about the problem of combined stormwater and sewage overflows in the City of Poughkeepsie and other river cities. He would like to model the flow of sewage

overflows in relation to the drinking water intake. The City has a long-term plan to remediate these overflows. The group discussed providing support to the City in seeking funding for these upgrades. Regarding Ms. Tignanelli's email, Supervisor Jay Baisley and Randy Alstadt both spoke to her directly. The group decided that for now, all communications that come from the public regarding their municipality will be handled by the individual town/village/city. No concrete policy decision was made for the Hudson 7 on this issue.

2. New Business

a. **Hudson 7 Draft Infrastructure Report.**

1. **ACTION:** Send google doc link of the report to the group to make comments. The group requested to include information such as shovel ready, etc. from the survey.

b. **Discuss September 7 Deadline for WIIA Applications.**

- i. The group discussed a whether or not they could take advantage of the Intermunicipal application. There is more funding potential this way (40%, \$10m). Otherwise, there was concern that the Hudson 7 communities may be competing with one another.
 1. **ACTION:** Speak to Dan Shapley for feedback (see below)
- ii. Shovel ready plans include: (1) Town of Hyde Park, Central Wastewater District for Rte. 9 (Needs \$18m, has \$5m). (2) Town of Esopus, Water Storage Tank. The town is waiting for the engineering report (\$2.1m). (3) Village of Rhinebeck, Drinking Water Infrastructure Projects (\$3.8m).
- iii. Supervisor Shannon Harris discussed involving Kingston in a grant application.
 1. **ACTION:** Connect ToE and CoK to discuss.

c. **Update on letter to the DOH/DEC re: Source Water Assessment**

- i. Gary sent out the letter, but has not yet heard anything from either the DOH/DEC.
- ii. Elisa Chae of the DEC Hudson Estuary Program is eager to work with the Hudson 7 even though we won't be getting in an application this year. She would like to be a guest at an upcoming meeting, and can bring a map of the watershed area for the Hudson 7 source waters as a working version based on the existing source water assessments.

1. **ACTION:** Randy to reach out to invite Elisa. He is also going to inquire about any potential modeling that exists at the DEC to predict the direction of CSO plumes during storm events. He will follow-up with Gary

d. Meeting Dates

- i. The council changed their meeting date in November to Thursday, the 15th. There will be no meeting in December.
 - 1. Gary Bassett, moved.
 - 2. Shannon Harris, 2nd.
 - 3. Passes unanimously.

e. Annual Hudson River Watershed Conference on 10/23

- i. The Hudson 7 has been invited to speak at the upcoming HRW Conference on 10/23. The council agreed to have Gary present, and to follow-up with Maureen. He will provide a 20-30 minute presentation.

3. Old Business

a. Review Bylaws

- i. The group decided to work on one piece of the Bylaws each month.
 - 1. Non-voting members.
 - a. The council agreed to include wastewater plant operators as non-voting members in the future. Jay Baisley expressed concern about taking on too much too quick, so they will wait to do so for now.
 - b. Municipalities are to appoint those members.
 - i. Gary Bassett, moved.
 - ii. Jay Baisley, 2nd.

iii. Passes unanimously.

c. **ACTION:** Emily to reach out to Bridget at DCWWA. Jay requested a copy of the bylaws google doc to be resent to him.

2. Inclusion of potential staff and/or volunteer support, Chairperson to act as spokesperson or point of contact all to be brought back next month.

b. Communications.

i. Emily Svenson is sending out a press release to all press outlets one week before the Council meetings. NYS Open Meeting Law requires it to be posted 72 hours prior to meeting.

ii. Jay Baisley asked to add Amy Wu from the Poughkeepsie Journal.

1. **ACTION:** Rebecca to send Emily calendar reminders, and to include paper contact info in the Hudson 7 contact list.

4. Motion to adjourn meeting.

a. Gary Bassett, moved.

b. Randy Alstadt, 2nd.

c. **Meeting adjourned: 6:40pm.**

IDan Shapley regarding an Intermunicipal WIIA Application:

“Just to amplify one point, I met with EFC recently, and Bill specifically offered hands-on assistance to Hudson 7 communities in developing applications that will be successful. They want to fund good projects, and they are willing to put in work ahead of time to help you make strong proposals. The information they shared about a desire to fund intermunicipal applications that focus on single infrastructure projects was disappointing to me, but I think there's still an opportunity to advocate for an intermunicipal approach such as the Hudson 7 are pursuing. It

may take longer than this grant cycle to be successful, but Riverkeeper is part of a coalition of nonprofit environmental, utility and construction industry groups that have been advocating for the increases in water infrastructure grants, and we've discussed with that group the need to prioritize watershed-based intermunicipal funding, such as you are pursuing. I believe DEC will be supportive of this approach as well. The six Capital District communities jointly investing in sewers to meet CSO long term control plan requirements have benefited from the watershed approach to infrastructure investments (each infrastructure project is in a single community, but they are prioritized by DEC and intermunicipal agreement to benefit the "Albany pool" portion of the Hudson; they have won WIIA grants).

Meantime, there are municipalities among the Hudson 7 who currently could benefit from the Intermunicipal Grants - Poughkeepsie, Wappinger and Wappingers Falls share the Tri Muni sewer; Port Ewen and Kingston both use Kingston's wastewater treatment plant; City of Poughkeepsie and Towns of Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park all draw from the Poughkeepsie joint treatment plant, Rhinebeck Town and Village both drink from the village treatment plant... etc.”

You can reach out to William (Bill) Brizzell, Deputy Director of Engineering and Program Management at the EFC: William.brizzell@efc.ny.gov to get more information regarding a single grant application for Hudson 7.