

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Thursday, February 15, 2024

5:00 pm - 6:00pm

Chairman: Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)

Vice Chairman: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia (ToR)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination
3. Approval of minutes:
 - a. [11/16/23](#)
4. Treasurer's report
5. Hudson 7 Source Water Protection Coordinator/Consultant Report
6. Communications
 - a. Dan Shapley: NYSDEC regulatory agenda
 - b. Rebecca Martin: [Hudson 7 blog](#)
 - c. Ben Ganon, Ulster County: UC/WQCC meetings: Rebecca Martin added to communications by Ben Ganon
 - d. Tracy Frisch, Clean Air Action Network: New threat to the Hudson River: NYS's first sewage sludge biochar plant being considered in the Town of Moreau (Saratoga County) along the Hudson River. For more information, visit:
<https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2024/1/dec-announces-public-hearings-for-the-saratoga-biochar-solutions-facility-permit-applications>
 - e. Charles Bonomi: Contacted the Hudson 7 to share a weekly Sunday clean-up with over 30 volunteers in Cornwall. They have removed over 300 tires and close to 15 tons of trash. For anyone wanting to know more about this effort, contact Charles at Cjbonomi@yahoo.com
 - f. Dan Shapley: [Water infrastructure grants are open for applications](#). Webinar on the application process is on March 4. Grant deadline for applications is June 14.
 - g. Rebecca Martin: [Train derails in Rensselaer County](#): two cars land in Hoosic River
7. Public Comment (*Please keep public comments to 3-minutes per speaker*)
 - a. Tracy Frisch, Saratoga Biochar
 - b. Cynthia Roberts, Saratoga Biochar

Actions on Old Business (*Keep updates to 3 minutes*)

1. Hudson 7 501c3 process (*update by Gary Bassett*)
 - a. Approve Mackey Butts Invoice 11/20/23
 - b. Update on Dutchess County funds for legal representation
 - c. Organizational Structure Committee
2. Hudson River PCB Third FYR (PCBs) (*update by Dottie DiNoble as Randy is out*)
 - a. Municipal sign-on letter submitted on 1/8/24
 - b. Hudson River PCB CAG 1/18/24 report
 - c. Blog post on PCBs and drinking water

3. Lead Copper Rule Improvements (*update by Paul Malmrose*)
 - a. Lead and Copper Rule: Improvements Finalized on 11/30/23
4. Salt Front (*update by Paul Malmrose*)
 - a. Comments submitted on 12/13/23 on Salt Front Hydraulic Model Scope for Stakeholder Vetting. Deadline was 12/15/23
5. Central Hudson Manufactured Gas Plant (“MGP”) (*update by Dan Shapley*)
 - a. Gerald Pratt, Division of Environmental Remediation update: NYSDEC will have public meetings with stakeholders in late 2024 to present the new plan. We should not expect any actions in the river in the upcoming year.
6. Cybersecurity (*update by Paul Malmrose*)
 - a. Communication re: Update on Cybersecurity and Drinking Water plants (wastewater, too)

Reports of Committees (*Keep updates to 3 minutes*)

1. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program (*update by Mike Forgeng*)
2. Hudson River Anchorages (*update by Rebecca Martin*)

New Business

1. Admin
 - a. Meetings in 2024:
 - i. Second Wednesday of each month at 5pm
 - ii. Record meetings for upload later vs. livestream
 - b. Membership
 - i. Please submit resolutions to Rebecca Martin
 - ii. Thanks to outgoing Hudson 7 members
 1. Former Supervisor Jay Basiley (founding member, ToP), Shannon Harris (founding member, ToE), Bill Carlos (founding member, ToP), Former Mayor Marc Nelson (CoP), William F.X. O’Neil (former Dutchess County Executive)
 - iii. Welcome new members
 1. Welcome and onboarding outreach/materials sent to new H7 voting membership:
 - a. **Primary members:** City of Poughkeepsie (Mayor Yvonne Flowers), Town of Poughkeepsie (Supervisor Rebecca Edwards) and DC: County Executive Sue Serino
 - b. **Alternate members:** VoR: Vanessa Bertozzi, Trustee; ToR: Chad Kleitsch, Town Board member; ToHP: Elizabeth (Liz) Mesquita, Town Board member; CoP: Richard Distel, Planner; ToP: Ann Shershin, Town Board Member;
 - iv. Motions to elect/re-elect: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - c. Hudson 7 motions document (2018- present)
 - d. Hudson 7 file mapping document
 2. Establish Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Committee
 - a. Discuss water operators week and activities for May
 - b. Update shared services documents

Adjourn

Old Business - no action this month

1. CSX Bridge
2. Municipal code review (ES)
3. Dutchess County Fire Training Center remediation
4. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
5. Vessels anchoring near intakes
6. Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS)