

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Thursday, March 18, 2021

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Chairman: Mayor Gary Bassett (VoR)

Vice Chairman: Supervisor Jay Baisley. (ToP)

Secretary: Neil Krupnick (ToHP)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order
 - a. Secretary Neil Krupnick to fill in for Chairman Gary Bassett
 - b. Jared Geuss, new T/Esopus Supervisor; Shannon Harris T/Esopus alternate
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination
3. Minutes
 - a. Approval of 2/18/21 meeting minutes
4. Communications (RM)
 - a. Alex Dean, Confidential Assistant: Town of Esopus: Shannon Harris stepped down as supervisor a/o March 5 @ noontime. Jared Geuss will take her place, and she will serve as Deputy Supervisor and remain on the Hudson 7 as Esopus contact.
 - b. Mary C. Kremble of the Citizen Science Program at Bard College re: Rhinebeck 2019 Water Quality report
 - c. Risk and Resilience Assessments - discussion among water plant operators, Tighe & Bond and Hudson 7 technical advisers
 - d. Danskammer public hearing on March 31
 - e. Dutchess County Historical Society: "[Our Epic, Eternal Struggle to Tame Poughkeepsie's Water](#)" Documentary (3/10)
 - f. Daily Freeman: "[Esopus Hopes to Catch Illegally Parked Barges on Video](#)"; "[Esopus adding surveillance cameras at water treatment plant.](#)"
 - g. Request for Follow-up/Interviews with H7 Members, Susie Ross
5. Public Comment
 - a. Susie Ross
 - b. John Lipscomb

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues
 - a. Discussion and/or Decision items
 - i. Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) (*Open discussion*)
 1. 2/25 meeting with TDI on [Hudson 7 concerns](#)
 2. Legal Representation
 - ii. Esopus Creek turbid discharges (RM)
 1. 3/3 hearing - Hudson 7 [Testimony](#) and [DEP Presentation](#)
 2. Comments due June 16
 3. Memorializing Resolutions - [Town of Poughkeepsie](#), draft [Hudson 7](#)
 - b. Updates on ongoing issues (*open discussion*)

- i. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program
 - 1. Source Water Assessment mapping (Dutchess and Ulster County)
 - ii. Central Hudson MGP remediation
 - iii. Municipal code review (ES)
 - iv. Dutchess County Fire Training Center remediation
 - v. Spill prevention and response
 - vi. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
 - vii. PCBs (DS)
2. Organizational Items
- a. Preparing for May 31 annual reorganization meeting (DS)
 - i. Council member appointments (DS)
 - ii. Hudson 7 Milestones and Priorities, [2020](#) and 2021 (DS)
 - iii. Succession planning (DS)
 - iv. Clarity of roles: Advisors and non-voting members (DS)
 - v. Role of Water Operators (RM/PM)
 - 1. Educational series + credits?
 - b. Coordination
 - i. HREP Grant Application due June 2 (RM)
 - ii. Village of Rhinebeck as sponsor? (RM)

New Business

- 1. Vessels anchoring near intakes (SH/JL)
 - a. Esopus policy
- 2. Risk and Resilience Assessments for community water systems, due June 30 (PM)
 - a. Required by America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 ([EPA factsheet](#))
 - b. Coordination on "proximity threats" (e.g., chemical spill, gas line explosion, etc.) that may affect all intakes; and/or other aspects
- 3. Salt-front in light of climate change (PM/RA)
 - a. Future powerpoint presentation?
- 4. Cybersecurity in light of hackers who tried to Poison Water Supply of Florida Town (PM)