

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Wednesday, June 23, 2022 Quorum: 5:35pm Adjourn: 6:33pm
Location	Remote
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Supervisor Jay Baisley, Town of Poughkeepsie
Secretary	Shannon Harris, Town of Esopus
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gary Bassett, Mayor (VoR) ● Lynn Ruggiero, Town Board (ToHP) ● Shannon Harris (ToE) ● Paul Malmrose, Technical Advisor (Engineering) ● Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Representative ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (Coordinator) ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● Grant Jiang, Department of Health ● Daniel Valentine, Tighe & Bond

Regular Business

1. Call To Order: 5:30pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Lynn Ruggiero (ToHP), Shannon Harris (ToE) No quorum**
3. Approval of minutes and adjournment
 - a. **Motion to approve 5/19/22 No quorum**
4. Communications listed in the agenda
 - a. Kyla Bennett Keynote Speaker on PFAS at [Public Forum on Dunn Landfill](#)
 - b. Dan Shapley sent two numbers to program into Hudson 7 members phones to report any spill or other concern in real time. Quick reports with photos are usually essential.
 - i. Call 1-844-332-3267 to report pollution concerns and complaints to a DEC dispatcher.

- ii. To report a petroleum spill, call the NYS Spill Hotline: 1-800-457-7362.
 - iii. More background on reporting [LINK](#)
 - c. Class C stream legislation passed through the Senate. A decision will not likely be made by the Governor until December.
- 5. County representative report
 - a. Ulster County
 - i. Europa McGovern DWSP2 meeting in July which Grant will discuss later in the agenda.
 - b. Dutchess County
 - i. No updates
- 6. Public Comment
 - a. [Tracy Frisch, founder and lead organizer of the Clean Action Network of Glens Falls](#). Called in to discuss the sewage sludge Biochar proposal in Moreau (Eastern Saratoga County). Plant would be the first in NYS and would burn up to 720 tons per day of sewage sludge trucked in from unknown locations. 30,000k wastewater would go to Glens Falls Wastewater Treatment plant. All sewage sludge has PFAS chemicals. Concerns of leachette being discharged into the Hudson River with impacts to drinking water. The second facility, Hughes Energy facility, would take in 500-700 tons of municipal solid waste (garbage) per day and cook it in an autoclave. 29k gallons of wastewater going to a wastewater treatment plant, the closest is in the Town of Half Moon, and that discharges into the Hudson River. Request the state DEC to require better treatment methods so that these discharges won't impact drinking water. Tracy provided her email and phone for more information. 518/692-8242 tracy.frisch@gmail.com
 - i. PM: Does PFAS break down at high temperatures in an incinerator?
 - ii. TF: She reviewed papers by EPA research scientists in a working sewage sludge Biochar facility. They were unable to determine the fate of PFAS in the sewage sludge. She spoke to the author of the peer review paper who confirmed she was on the right track and that more research was needed. Many questions that remain unanswered. Deposition of directly going into the Hudson River or the soils.
 - iii. GB: Any public comment periods?

- iv. TF: It's on a fast track. One loan planning board member who was raising questions. It would be possible to get things into the record. Tracy will send information for Hudson 7 to participate.

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson 7 Priorities for 2021-2022

a. Hudson 7 coordinator position

- i. GB: The committee met with Dutchess county attorney Linda Fakhoury. Linda is in the process of pulling all of the Hudson 7 materials together for a follow-up meeting on July 7. The process will take several months to get our IMA re-written, back out to municipalities with resolutions and amending the Hudson 7's current bylaws. She feels it would be feasible to have the work done by the end of the year. Both county executives remain supportive.
- ii. A "draft" payment schedule was discussed for municipalities to pay their fair share for project coordinator. Paul Malmrose looked at drinking water "flows" or "gallons per day" vs "small or large" for each municipality, offsetting the Town and City of Poughkeepsie amount for providing the coordinator an office at the PWTF. The group agreed that it wasn't time for any deep discussion without all municipalities being present.

b. NYS Drinking Water Source Protection Program

- i. GJ: A Hudson 7 DWSP2 committee meeting is set for July 8 to go over map focus areas and to discuss the best way to share with the Hudson 7 members at large. Intakes are identified on the map, so releasing it to the public at large may not be allowed for security reasons.

2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues

a. Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS)

- i. DS: We could follow-up with the state. Grant said that he spoke with Meredith and is happy to inquire again.

b. Proposed transmission lines

i. Hudson 7 CHPE Committee updates

1. The Hudson 7 is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way through the TDI monitoring and protocol document. Paul Malmrose suggested hiring an engineering firm on behalf of the Hudson 7 to oversee the process. Gary, Randy, Dan and

Paul spoke to Tighe & Bond to identify the engineering monitoring tasks. Daniel Valentine of Tighe & Bond provided an overview of the task list. Shannon felt it was a good idea, though the costs are a concern. However, the matter was put upon the Hudson 7. **DS:** Asked if the equipment pouhkeepsie received from the Central Hudson settlement was sufficient. **PM:** They will need real time testing equipment. **DS:** Would you need to put this out to bid/RFP? **SH:** Professional services are exempt for equipment above \$25k. **GB:** Should one municipality oversee this process? How should we organize this to not put the burden on one municipality?

c. Esopus Creek Committee updates

- i. **PM:** We are on the Ashokan Release Working Group, which is unorganized. We have also requested a pre-planning meeting for each of the quarterly meetings. NYC is shutting down Delaware Aqueduct was postponed until 2023 and provides 50% of NYC's water. That means that the AShokan is going to have to step up and provide much more water. NYC is going to take most of the water from teh delaware system during the summer of 2023 and let the water build up in the Ashokan. There will be no flood water storage in the reservoir. If we get a major storm, we could get a flood. FEMA says the most important thing for NYC is to have flooding storage available. IN the EIS, it doesn't talk about tropical storms. NYC sends not decision makers to these meetings, and DEC is worse, sending an engineer with one-year experience. It's an organization that doesn't work. It's been going on for 12 years and probably will continue. Temporary solutions fall on deaf ears. They asked if flooding would impact the Hudson 7 and yes, water quality would be bad if there was a flood. Paul will be away in July and September. Asked for a Hudson 7 representative.

Reports and Actions on New Business

1. Hudson 7 officers

- a. The Hudson 7 will need to appoint officers for 2022/2023. Without a quorum, the vote was postponed until next month. With the new IMA

and Bylaws being crafted to hire a coordinator, the executive team may

- b. The Hudson 7 will need to add a treasurer to the board for the hiring of a coordinator.
2. In-person meetings
 - a. The governor has changed video conferencing meetings and municipalities will have to go back to in-person meetings (at least with a quorum present).
 - b. The PWTF conference room will be confirmed to meet. There will still be a virtual option.
 3. Dan Shapley mentioned Paul Malmrose as being given a wavemaker award by the Hudson River Watershed Alliance last month.

Adjournment: 6:33pm No quorum