

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, August 26, 2021 Quorum: 5:32pm Adjourn: 6:47pm
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"> ● Gary Bassett, Mayor (VoR) ● Neil Krupnick, Deputy Supervisor (ToHP) ● Bill Carlos, Town Board (ToP) ● Randy Alstadt, WWTP Operator/Technical Advisor (CoP) ● Shannon Harris (ToE) ● Paul Malmrose (Technical Advisor, Engineering) ● Emily Svenson (Technical Advisor, Land Use) ● Brad Barclay, Dutchess County Representative ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper ● Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper (Coordinator)

Regular Business

1. Call To Order 5:32pm
2. Roll Call & Quorum Determination.
 - a. **Voting members: Gary Bassett (VoR), Neil Krupnick (ToHP), Bill Carlos (ToP), Randy Alstadt (CoP), Shannon Harris (ToE) *Harris joined late.***
Five voting members (quorum)
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. **Motion to approve 7/15/21 Bassett/Krupnick. Motion carried.**
4. Communications
 - a. Paul Hansut, former Supervisor of the Town of Lloyd and a founding member of the Hudson 7, passed on July 17; Don Kiernan, a founding member of the Hudson 7, is retiring. The new Town of Esopus water plant operator is Neil Butler; Sea Grant Great Lakes Transport Extension Educator filled.

5. County representative report

- a. Dutchess County, Brad Barclay: Rivekreeper took the county executive out on the boat. He is willing to sponsor and work with Ulster County to help to fund the Hudson 7 staff position. He wants a commitment to the communities to contribute something. He spoke with both Bill Carlos and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan already. Interested in it covering more than just the Hudson 7, but other water related issues as well in Dutchess County. **BC:** Discussed the sheen (coal tar) and the cables proposed to run down the river. He's interested in the streams that run into the Hudson River. The idea that the different agencies involved, and then he and Ulster County executive to support us. Molinaro saw it with his own eyes, and understands the potential implications to water quality. When we get to the point of talking about this, each community (depending on their size) gets involved. The balance would be picked up by the counties. **DS:** Molinaro asked for the boat outing. We tried to get Gary involved, but he was on vacation. What's great about this, is that it's a first draft on how we can fund the Hudson 7. The committee can decide how to structure this. There is a timeline given the budget process is active. **BB:** We are well into the budget process. Without the County Executive's request, it wouldn't have happened.

6. Public Comment

- a. None.

Presentation

Overview of the [Drinking Water Source Protection Program process](#) - Grant Jiang, Drinking Water Specialist, NYS Source Water Assessment and Protection Program.

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PM: The Hudson 7 is unique, having a 13,400 square mile watershed that we have to monitor the activities in all areas. How do we do that? In addition, who is the consultant in our area and will they look at climate change, and particularly the salt

front coming up the Hudson River due to rising temperatures? GJ: The watershed will be a key point/key discussion throughout. The Hudson 7 is an extremely important first step to discussing that. Climate resiliency is an important part of the DWSP2 framework. DS: To clarify, you (Grant) are the consultant for the Hudson 7? **GJ:** Yes. GB: Will you be working with the Hudson 7 or each individual municipality? **GJ:** I would like to speak with each individual water operator. The Hudson 7 coordinator would be a key point person throughout this process. GB: Lets all get together in a room, the municipalities and water operators. **GJ: Send Hudson 7 contacts.** **BB:** Asked to add he and Europa as the counties have offered to do some sort of value-added work. **GJ:** Said that he was asked to ask about the coordinator position, and to keep him updated. **Gary will set up an initial meeting with Dan and Paul to discuss strategies.**

Reports and Actions on Old Business

1. Hudson 7 Priorities for 2021-2022

a. Funding options for coordinator

- i. There is a framework for a position that may need to be updated. Those who volunteered for the ad-hoc committee included Bill Carlos, Elizabeth Spinzia, Gary Bassett, Dan Shapley and/or Rebecca Martin. **DS:** The county's first draft included a contract with Riverkeeper as a start (fiscal sponsor). Brad Barclay (Dutchess County) and Europa McGovern (Ulster County) were both included as alternatives and to review the description. Bill Carlos will lead the committee. **BC:** Have the coordinator position drafted out by the next meeting in September. **DS:** Define the position and the funding model.

1. Motion to identify members of the coordinator committee to identify the formation of the job description and funding plan by next meeting.

Bassett/Alstadt. Motion carried.

2. Hudson River Drinking Water Source Issues

- a. Update on Central Hudson MGP remediation: Eric Chastain (Environmental Coordinator & Project Manager)

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EC: There is no remediation work plan this year, alternative analysis is still being refined. Air Bubble Curtain technology pilot study (tubing) around the intakes and South of the walkway. Compressed air in the tubing. Technology has the potential to prevent fish from entering a work area and knocking down turbidity. It's not a remediation method, but could be a water protection measure whenever we land on that remediation method to be implemented. Study draft will be ready in September and sent to the DEC. Permitting/no-permitting known in September as well. **Pilot study available in January/February of 2022.** Study areas include the PWTF intakes and North Water Street site. Bill Carlos invited Eric to join the PWTF at the water plant to discuss the pilot study.

- b. Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) committee report
 - i. The Hudson 7 responded to TDI's letter asking for a step by step explanation of the construction plan and pilot testing protocol. We asked them to set up a meeting with the contractor (Caldwell Marine) who would be doing the jetplowing (9/3 @ 3pm). **Gary was in touch with the RISE project, and they will be presenting to the Hudson 7 later in the year.**
 - ii. John Lipscomb said that the state will probably pick two of the seven proposals on the table. CHPE, Catskill Connector and Empire Connector are all projects that envision being buried in the River. Rise may be another. **There are two projects, Avangrid (terrestrial) and Clean Path would enter at New Windsor and travel South.** Believe there is an opportunity to say to NYSERDA and the Governor to commit to selecting projects that do not trench. Once there was only CHPE on the table, now a big change. Cuomo is gone and there are 7 projects on the table with alternatives that are not nearly as negatively impactful as CHPE. Hudson 7 would get an audience from the Governor's office.
 - iii. Riverkeeper and Patrol Boat eager to support Hudson 7. We took out Dutchess County the other day. We would be delighted

to take anyone out on the river who you feel would be important to take out.

- iv. John discussed the CSX jerry rigged bridge and is unhappy with the relationship. and with [PHOTOS](#). He has called for a n Independent bridge engineering study. 1.2 miles from the Poughkeepsie intake. An accident here would be catastrophic. [Riverkeeper's recent BLOG POST on CSX that includes Ulster County Executive Marc Molinaro's letter](#).
 - v. John asked to work with Paul Malmrose to find a retired rail bridge engineer to take out to the bridge. They would have to be willing to go on record.
 - vi. John said that the Emergency response teams are more afraid of the mixed product trains than Bakken because they don't know what it is they would be going after.
 - vii. Gary asked to work with Brad regarding a response to Molinaro.
- c. Spill Prevention and Response exercise has not yet been rescheduled.

New Business

1. Appointment of Neil Butler to replace Don Kiernan, Town of Esopus
 - a. Motion to appoint: Gary/Bill. Motion carried
2. Future meetings. The Hudson 7 decided to continue remotely until further notice: Gary/Neil. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 6:47pm

Bassett/Alstadt. Motion carried