

Meeting	Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Date	Thursday, July 10, 2024 Quorum: 5:00pm Adjourn: 6:00pm
Location	Hybrid
Chairperson	Mayor Gary Bassett, Village of Rhinebeck
Vice Chair	Devin Rigolino, Dutchess County
Treasurer	Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia, Town of Rhinebeck
Secretary	Lynn Ruggiero, Town of Hyde Park
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair: Gary Bassett, Mayor (VoR) ● Vice chair: Devin Rigolino (Dutchess County) ● Richard Distal (CoP) ● Elizabeth Mesquita, Town Board (ToHP) ● Nick Butler, Water Superintendent (ToE) ● Russell Gilmore (ToL) ● Amanda LaValle (Ulster County) ● Rebecca Martin, Source Water Protection Coordinator ● Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper and Technical Advisor (General) ● Paul Malmrose, Technical Advisor (Engineering) ● Emily Svenson, Technical Advisor (Land Use) ● Shannon Roback, Riverkeeper and Technical Advisor (Science) ● Drew Gamils, Riverkeeper ● Emily Vail, Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA) ● Eric Weinstein, resident of Hyde Park

Regular Business

1. Call To Order: 5:00pm
 - a. Roll Call & Quorum Determination. Voting members (in-person): Gary Bassett (VoR), Nick Butler (ToE), Russell Gilmore (ToL), Richard Distel (CoP), Devin Rigolino (DC). Voting members (remote): Amanda LaValle (UC). **Quorum (5 in-person)**
2. Approval of 6/12/24 minutes

- a. **Motion to approve minutes from June 12, 2024**
 - i. **Bassett/Gilmore. Motion approved.**
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. As of 6/28, expenses paid: Coordinator \$6,250
 - b. Accrued \$109.14 interest in June. A total of \$660.08 so far in 2024 (at 3% interest)
 - c. Balance as of 7/10/24 is \$38,119.30
4. Hudson 7 Source Water Protection Coordinator/Consultant Report
5. Communications
 - i. Kelly VanDerVilet is the new DOH Regional Director. Eric Wiegert is now the Director Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection
 - ii. Jeff M. Albert, P.E, Associate Public Health Engineer from the Ulster County Department of Health requested to be on the Hudson 7 email list. Welcome, Jeff.
 - iii. The Hudson 7 took the Hudson River Watershed Alliance's (HRWA) organizational assessment. *"HRWA and River Network are currently developing a resource toolbox, and will also help us understand what priorities might be for individual consulting. We're hoping it can also serve as an internal evaluation tool for your group."*
 - iv. From Drew Gamils, Riverkeeper: *"This week Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson as part of the Friends of a Clean Hudson coalition, conducted a webinar to provide the public with an update on the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site. The webinar provides background about the site and includes a review of publicly available data and a discussion about what's at stake for the river. A video of our briefing is available [here](#). A PDF of our presentation slides is also attached. In addition, we worked with our technical experts to prepare an addendum to our [November 2023 report](#). The addendum provides an extended analysis and new insights on the fish and sediment data collected since 2016."* **Drew Gamils was on the zoom in July, and provided the Hudson 7 with the following update regarding the release of the Hudson River PCBs Five-Year-Review. Deferred rendering a determination. EPA said they needed more fish and sediment data. They said that**

they would release an addendum of that data in 2027. They also said they would do additional monitoring and special studies to bolster that data. Riverkeeper's position that they will push for a not-protective determination rather than protectiveness deferred.

- v. [DEC and DEP Announce Plan to Limit Muddy Water Releases from Ashokan Reservoir and Enhance Flood Protections for Lower Esopus Creek](#) and [update on letter to DEC Commissioner from Paul Malmrose re: flooding impacts to the Hudson River by Ashokan Reservoir.](#)

6. Public Comment

- a. None

Reports and Actions on Old Business

- 1. Hudson 7 501c3 process
 - a. **Motion for Gary Bassett and Rebecca Martin to continue to work with Ian MacDonald of Mackey Butts and Whalen to develop bylaws for a 501c3.**
 - i. **Bassett/Gilmore. Motion**
- 2. Hudson River PCB Third FYR
 - a. The EPA released the draft third five-year-review on Hudson River PCBs with a protective deferred determination. Riverkeeper is advocating for a 90-day public comment period, and continues to advocate for a not-protective (that the remedy, or dredging, is not protective to the environment and public health) determination.
- 3. CHPE EM&CP Segment 19B
 - a. Check-in with TDI to learn about the EM&CP 19A (pre-lay matressing) update.

Reports of Committees

- 1. Drinking Water Source Water Protection Program (DWSP2)
 - i. **Motion to approve new draft letter that includes Hudson 7 as a partner in Riverkeeper's grant application for the NYSDEC Local Stewardship Planning Grant.**
 - 1. **Bassett/Rigolino. Motion approved**
- 2. Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
 - a. No action.

New Business

1. Social Media Policy

- a. **Motion to appoint Rebecca Martin as authorized agent to post**
 - i. **Bassett/Distel. Motion approved**

Adjourn at 6:00pm

- **Bassett/Rigolino. Motion approved.**