

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – February 25, 2025**

CPWG Member	Present	Excused	Absent
Marianne Zwicklbauer	X		
Eric Sheffer		X	
Mark Surdam	X		
Rob Allen			X
Pat Dailey		X	
David Lukas		X	
Jessica Haynes	X		
Mathew Angell		X	
Sean Nealon	X		
Chris Bettis	X		
Facilitator			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
Presenters			
Sasa Jazic, Honeywell	X		
Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC	X		

Note: The February 25, 2025, public meeting of the CPWG was held in person at the Hoosick Falls High School cafeteria, and a virtual link was shared via the CPWG Listserv prior to the meeting. A press release was issued to local media, and a meeting date reminder was also emailed to all community members who signed up on the CPWG Listserv. Meeting-related materials may be found on the Hoosick Area CPWG website www.hoosickareacpwg.org and on the NYSDEC website <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

Discussion Summary:

- I. Welcome – The Paige Group
 - a. Facilitator – The Paige Group
 - i. The Facilitator provided an overview of meeting format and Q&A opportunities for community attendees, including protocol for online participation.
 - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

- II. Water Source Construction Update – Sasa Jazic, Senior Remediation Manager, Honeywell
 - a. Construction is complete
 - b. The following have been submitted:
 - i. Engineering Certificate of Completion for LaCroix Well Field Water Supply System (1/15/25); submitted to NYSDOH/NYSDEC
 1. NYSDOH comments were addressed by Honeywell
 - ii. LaCroix Well Field Water Supply System Warranties Submittal (1/15/25); submitted to the Village and is under review. An agreement is being developed to transfer infrastructure to the Village
 - iii. LaCroix Well Field Water Supply System Operations and Maintenance Manual (1/15/25); submitted to the Village

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c. Q&A

- i. Q: What comments/questions did NYSDOH have related to the certificate of completion?
A: Questions were related to additional water pressure testing details and clarification on lab samples. The requested information and clarification was provided to NYSDOH.
- ii. Q: When will the new water source be in operation?
A: This is being driven by the Village pending an agreement for transfer of infrastructure ownership and review of the O&M manual. We anticipate this to happen in March.
- iii. Q: What additional information has the Village requested related to the O&M manual?
A: They have asked for additional information related to future O&M costs and clarification on the warranties which are required by NYSDOH when transferring ownership infrastructure.
- iv. Q: What is the testing process from time the village takes ownership to delivery of water from the new water source?
A: The start-up plan outlines the testing process to ensure water safety and quality. All tests done at the pump house and water treatment plant to date are included in the certification of completion submitted on 1/15/25 to NYSDOH/NYSDEC.
- v. Q: Is there a required reporting system for testing of the Village water supply?
A: Regular sampling is required by NYSDOH to be reported to the county and to NYSDOH. Results also are reported in an annual water quality report.

III. Site Remediation Update – Barbara Firebaugh, P.G. NYSDEC

a. John Street

- i. Remedial Investigation Report is complete
- ii. Feasibility Study is in review
- iii. Proposed Remedial Action Plan is expected at the end of March

b. Q&A

- i. Q: How do we learn about grant opportunities?
A: Sign up for NYSDEC's Delivers Listserv to receive opportunities and news in Rensselaer County: <https://dec.ny.gov/news/dec-delivers>

IV. 2025 Public Meeting Topics – Chris Bettis, CPWG Co-chair

The CPWG members present reported that they continue to receive questions from the community about site remediation and related health issues. As a result, the group is working on plans for special topic public meetings in 2025. Topics include:

- a. Medical Monitoring and Cancer Rates – Address questions and concerns about local cancer rates in surrounding area and connection (real or perceived) to old water source/contamination areas; how cancer rates are attributed and other health concerns of PFOA. NYSDOH Cancer Rates Link:

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https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/cancer/environmental_facilities/mapping/about/concerned_about_cancer_in_your_community.htm

- b. Water Quality – Respond to community questions about how the quality of the new water source will be assured (comparison to old; current quality at source and after treatment, etc.), and concerns about condition of the water distribution system, lead abatement efforts, home connections, etc.
- c. Oak Mitsui Project – Address community concerns about site safety and protective measures; potential use of the site; need for continuing remedies and proactive efforts to advance the Hoosick area economically and quality of life.

V. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. Meeting Summaries posted on www.hoosickareacpwg.org
- b. 2025 Public Meeting Schedule
 - i. Tuesday, April 22, 2025
 - ii. Tuesday, June 24, 2025
 - iii. Tuesday, August 26, 2025
 - iv. Tuesday, October 28, 2025
 - v. Tuesday, December 16, 2025