

**Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)**  
**Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of Aug 21, 2024, Zoom Meeting 5:00 PM**

Present: Barbara Bettigole (chair), TRAC mems Karen Lundeen, Meg Szalewicz, Anne Saunders & Paul Bacsik, TS Manager Brian Bartram, Sharon Selectman John Brett & Sharon First Selectman Casey Flanagan

*NOTE: Minutes considered DRAFT ONLY until reviewed and acted upon at the next regular meeting*

- 1 - **Meeting called to order** at 5:05 by Chair Barbara Bettigole
- 2 - **Approval of Agenda** - Moved, seconded, all in favor
- 3 - **Approval of minutes from special meeting of 07/23/24** - tabled, full mins not published yet
- 4 - **Transfer Station Managers Report** - Brian has 3 quick things, swap shop will be closed on Tues Sept 2, the day after Labor Day, to give staff time for clean up after long busy holiday, investigating residents who are LATE on renewing but still coming in, not many but are very vocal & demanding with gate staff, possible actions to deal with, plus future options for residents who do not want the sticker on their windshield, such as hang tag or RFID, will cost more but doable. Meg & Karen both suggest a brief handout that gate staff can use to alleviate dealing over and over with irate residents at entrance.
- 5 - **Debrief Meeting - lessons from Jane Lloyd event food sep effort** - Barb reports it was a big effort but diverted approximately 422 pounds of FW, discussed a few points on how to organize better in future, participants helped, brought their left over FW to the bins, Brian says for a first time it went very well.
- 6 - **Food Waste Program & New Initiatives** - FW pilot still growing incrementally, hope to expand on several fronts incl home systems, events, meetings, education and outreach to others including restaurants and businesses. Another general meeting in future on this, TRAC will send letters. DEEP is having an organics ZOOM later in August, Brian will attend and will send link.
- 7 - **Sustainability Team, draft of grant proposal ideas and strategies** - Our Sustainable CT team is in place in both towns and working on grant proposal ideas, food waste expansion is first, need to formulate goals strategies, more specifics, expert input sources, short discussion on possible people & info resources.
- 8 - **Outreach** - More like Sharon Women's Club in future.
- 9 - **TRAC Meetings** - stay as scheduled or consider other times - decided to keep same schedule.
- 10 - **Other Business** - Barb mentions convo with a resident about snow & ice issue at TS in winter, NOT the purview of TRAC but an issue to be referred to & assessed by the towns, an example of things TRAC members might be asked about by residents that need to be referred appropriately. John Brett reminds members on larger system residential compost research he and Paul are doing and a possible site visit at a local resident's home to see one. Paul D mentions some further signage work at the swap shop and organizational issues which we will follow up at next meeting, also mentions daily volunteers at swap shop still very helpful.
- 11 - **Public Comment** - None
- 12 - **Adjourn Meeting** - Barbara adjourned meeting at 5:50P

*Note: Next meeting scheduled for Weds Oct 16 by Zoom*

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon