

Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)
Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of Dec 18, 2024, Zoom Meeting 5 PM

Present: Barbara Bettigole (chair), TRAC mems, Anne Saunders, Paul Bacsik, Karen Lundeen, Meg Szalewicz, Ed Reagan, Sarah Curtis, TS Manager Brian Bartram & Sharon Selectman John Brett

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

1 - **Meeting called to order** at 5:02 by Chair Barbara Bettigole

2 - **Approval of Agenda** - Moved, seconded, all in favor

3 - **Approval of minutes from Oct 16 meeting** - Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - **Welcome Sarah Curtis** - New TRAC member from Sharon CT

5 - **Transfer Station Managers Report** - Brian has mostly been working with Barb on various grants this month, also continuing with waste oil contamination issue at the transfer station, all in progress plus the corkboard in the swap shop is almost ready to go up.

6 - **Grants** - Barb reports that our DEEP MMI Grant (Materials Management Innovation) is in progress and a Sustainable CT match fund to go with this as well. Tho mostly bigger towns that are awarded, Barb believes we have a good chance. We have also made a USDA inquiry for site consultation on composting as part of this, Brian reports on best options discussion with McEnroe. Best option for us is NOT to compost on-site ourselves but figure a way to haul with possible pick up in future. Brian also goes over some DEEP MMI history, some of which will be added to our grant application. Also mentions help and support from CET (Center for Eco-Technology) and Carol Sadlan plus other local residents with grant writing experience.

7- **Food Waste Program** - TRAC is continuing on with events such as the Jane Lloyd event earlier this year plus researching ways to promote on-site separation at community events as part of FW program. Hopefully the grant will enable more initiatives like this and could start as soon as July.

8 - **Sustainability Team** - Part of grants discussion on starting small and building.

9 - **Outreach** - More follow-up with Sharon Women's Club plus schools and other institutions, continuing to reach out, more on recycling education as well as FW. Karen mentioned the Salisbury School Wellness Committee's future involvement and Barb mentions a new SUSTAINABILITY course at Sharon Center School may be a way in there in future. Contacts at all schools needed, someone on faculty or staff that can be our liaison.

10 - **Other Business** - Barb feels TRAC could add a small spot in the 2 towns monthly newsletters. Can we ask? We would provide the info. Anne inquires how residents access the newsletters. It is by Email subscription & town websites. Barb reiterates need to continue to monitor and update TS website as well.

11 - **Public Comment** - Meg mentions the TOWN 10 YEAR PLAN committee in Sharon has now added a section on solid waste/recycling/FW to the plan.

12 - **Adjourn Meeting** - Barbara adjourned meeting at 5:32P

Note: Next meeting scheduled for Weds Feb 19, 2025 at 5P by Zoom

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon