

Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC) Minutes

Weds March 20, 2019 - Salisbury Town Hall

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

TRAC Members Present: Pat Chamberlain (chair), Anne Saunders, Ned Harvey, Ed Reagan, Peter Becket, Barbara Bettigole & Jessica Fowler on phone. **Also Present:** Brian Bartram, Transfer Station Manager

1 - Meeting called to order by Pat Chamberlain at 6:36P

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

3 – Approve ALL Minutes from Jan 16 – Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - SSRRA Building Committee Update: Nothing new right now but Ed R reports contract signings coming and up and work start at new site to commence April 1.

5 - Manager's Report: Brian attended DEEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee and other members attended several webinars. Brian had several handouts, some on future webinars and workshops plus a sample mailer that will go to TS users explaining the new INSPECTION of garbage for recyclables, possible future penalties and why necessary due to CT DEEP's CMMS (Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy) mandate to REDUCE waste. All TS's must comply. We are trying to document that we are under the 500 pounds per capita rate that DEEP will consider as compliance. We also have a new WHAT'S IN WHAT'S OUT small poster to display and hand out. Barb B and Brian talked about CT Recyclers Coalition meeting on CLEAN materials, issues with broken pieces & other contaminants. Glass still problematic. Will we have flex to separate at new TS? Or other pre-sorts? Not sure now but will revisit in future. The HRRRA pilot glass-recycling project is ongoing and Brian will keep us updated. It has resulted in a slightly lower tip fee. Other glass recyclers are interested but MUST be source separated, Jessica asks if it must be cleaned as well? More info needed in future. Pat C asks how the letter on increased inspection will be distributed. Brian says it will be handed out at TS but was already mailed to Welsh customers and he has received a few calls about it. Users concerned about having their trash inspected. TRAC also discussed today's webinar on composting. Small scale and rural harder to do but doable, most of the info aimed at large scale. Anne S mentioned the very small home composting residents could easily perform at home, easy school composting projects & other food waste diversion practices for residents that we could teach.

6 - Timeline for Recommendations: Pat asks if input from TRAC will be needed on stickers, fees & other issues. Brian reports that our electronic scanning system may need to be abandoned for now, is jury rigged, affected by weather, may need to go back to stickers, he will know by our May meeting if the current electronics can be made to function. User fees will remain the same even tho our tip fee will increase by July.

6 - Other Recycling Needs: Nothing new right now that we are not already looking into. Our every other month meeting schedule is working but we are now out of sync location wise with TSBC meetings, they are in Sharon when we are in Salisbury, need to resync.

8 - Public & Committee Comment: Ed R recently toured a TS in Maui, HI and reported their tri-sort method for recyclables, the cost and complexity in transporting off island by barge and their land-fill practices for dealing with MSW. Barb B revisited the single use plastic bag ban many towns are trying, what about us in future? Our next meeting is May 15 in Sharon.

9 - Adjourn: Pat C adjourned the meeting at 7:26P

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon

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