

Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)
Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024, Zoom Meeting 5:00 PM

Present: Barbara Bettigole (chair), Karen Lundeen, Ed Reagan, Anne Saunders, TS Manager Brian Bartram & Lynn Kearcher, Sharon BOS member (joined 5:13P)

NOTE: Minutes are 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 meeting of 02/21/2024** - Moved, seconded, all in favor
- 4 - **Transfer Station Managers Report** - Nothing further on MIRA dissolution or area COG (counsel of governments) plans. An official letter was sent to all area food waste generators regarding new laws that will be in effect, Brian has a few more to send & discussing if a few might partner with TS since are hauling to Torrington now, Brian mentions it is unfortunate that DEEP is not more involved in contacting FW generators / businesses, more discussion & follow-up next meeting.
- 5 - **Conferences** - CT Compost Alliance, Barb attended & shared an overview. Brian will attend the next NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc) also NERC, (North East Recycling Council) in PA, others in future, will report on all, Brian says NRRRA has been a valuable resource for us.
- 6 - **Food Waste Program** - We are at 425 residential households, need to expand to regular program in future but Brian reports no funding increase yet so staying PILOT for now. Other options such as composting starter kits possible plus local options including PAYT (pay as you throw) that other towns are doing, along with composting PAYT programs greatly reduce all MSW (municipal solid waste).
- 7 - **Sustainable CT Status & need for Sustainability Team** - Both towns have agreed to join, we need a TEAM in place in the next 90 days, can be one team, thinking about members, duties & obligations are to report to the BOS of each town once a year and meet 4 times a year, work with sustainable CT org, check online for further info.
- 8 - **Swap Shop Work Day** - Planned for Sat April 27, tables at TS for education on recycling as well as swap shop edu with some day before setup, Paul B has plans for signage, Ed R will help, TRAC will plan additional tabling days in future, Karen is developing a swap shop pamphlet, other people organize frequently in the swap shop but need better public education.
- 9 - **Sharon Women's Club (conservation committee) will help with** - TS info and education at upcoming events including the May 4 Sharon Road Race and organizing a FORUM on recycling.
- 10 - **Other Business** - Barbara thanks the Lakeville Journal for recent FOOD Waste articles & mentions FW prevention week programs at area libraries including Scoville & Hotchkiss, both have EARTH DAY plans. Food Drive event, Karen reports Thurs April 25 at Salisbury Central School, a wellness walk and dinner plus info to open door for food drives to resume in our area. Indian Mountain School is on board with FW education, The Corner Pantry and others in area as well, the recent WASTE NOT WANT NOT event at Hotchkiss was very successful, more planned for future. Brian adds item on future compost options, may be time to see about compost end product distribution. Barbara adds that our June regular meeting date must be rescheduled since falls on a holiday, Brian suggests we make a motion NOW so can be held as a regular meeting. Motion to change date to THURSDAY June 20 as regular meeting seconded & moved.
- 11 - **Public Comment** - None
- 12 - **Adjourn Meeting** - Barbara adjourned meeting at 5:33P

Note: Next meeting scheduled for Thurs June 20 by Zoom
Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon

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