

Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Sharon Town Hall

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

TRAC Members (Bob Palmer, Jessica Fowler, Barbara Bettigole, Ed Reagan, Ned Harvey, Peter Becket)
Also Present (Brian Bartram, Brent Colley)

Meeting was called to order by B. Palmer at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes.

Approval of March 16, 2016 and March 30, 2016 Minutes: Both draft minutes were approved without revisions.

SSRRA Building Committee Update: Bob Palmer updated the members on the recent progress of the Building Committee and the possibility that the fill material may be moved onto the site as early as the upcoming summer.

Manger's Report: Brian Bartram provided an update on transfer station activities.

Continued Discussion of Public Spaces Recycling: Barbara Bettigole gave a Power Point presentation of the reasons for improved public spaces recycling and the types and cost of various potential containers.

Some outstanding questions were:

Which container?

Outreach to determine commitments on where the containers would be placed and how many containers.

Confirm collection of recyclables.

The grant should extend into the next fiscal year. However, it is recommended that the reimbursement funding request be submitted prior the end of this Fiscal Year to ensure availability of funds.

Continued Discussion of CT Deep's Draft 2016 Solid Waste Management Plan: The discussion was narrowed down to four key points. Bob Palmer and Brian Bartram will finalize the language for those, submit them to DEEP by the deadline and email a copy to TRAC Members.

Discussion of possible changes to the SSTS "sticker" system: Members reviewed the new lower cost information – est. now at less than \$10k vs previously at approximately \$80K – for a system which would

utilize a "Tag" type transponder to replace the current "Sticker" as the method to validate which Users coming into the Transfer Station have paid the current year's User Fee. Additional research identified included: other installations we could contact or visit, User Fee prorating for periods less than a full year and online access by the Selectmens' Offices & renewal by residents.

The sense of the discussion was in support of the idea. A special TRAC meeting will be convened on April 27 to discuss the idea in more detail and consider making a recommendation that provide sufficient time to implement the change for the upcoming July 1, 2016 Fiscal Year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

Submitted by Bob Palmer

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