

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

Weds Jan 15, 2020 - Salisbury Town Hall

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

**TRAC Members Present:** Barbara Bettigole (chair), Anne Saunders, Casey Flanagan, Ned Harvey, Ed Reagan & Peter Becket **Also:** Brian Bartram, TS Manager and Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand plus 2 in public seating

**1 - Meeting called to order** by Barbara Bettigole at 6:32PM

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

**3 – Approve Minutes from Nov 13** – Moved, seconded, all in favor

**4 - SSRRA Report from Curtis Rand:** Many challenges facing MIRA's 51 member towns (Materials Innovation & Recycling Authority), handles 1/3 of CT MSW (municipal solid waste). 5 burn to energy plants total and in dire need of massive upgrade, 30 mil cost, but CT is most advanced solid waste state but must keep up with mandate of REDUCE, REUSE, REPAIR, RECYCLE & RECOVER ENERGY & Brian adds almost NO LANDFILL, therefore next 30 year plan with stable rates and no charge for recycling tho operations costs will rise. State aid via bonding, state credits for burn to energy as well as from Eversource all possible options. Plans for rebuild with state of art German company on track, we will have 30 yr non-binding agreement at \$90 per ton, up from \$83, later will be binding. Price calculated on basis of long-distance landfill costs. Take home for us, REDUCE MSW. Regarding small transfer stations and collection sites, some on MIRA board want more centralization and control therefore LONG-TERM agreement best to keep control plus MIRA will pass on any savings achieved to members towns.

*Note: Skip to #7 and #9 for a few min b/c Curtis has to leave, all included below*

**5 - Manager's Report:** Brian spoke about his recent talk on recycling at Noble Horizons & plan to start an aggressive program there, other news and webinars will be Emailed to TRAC members. Also discussed Lakeville Journal article on WRAP program (Waste & Resources Action, plastic film reduce and recycling initiatives)

**6- Current Events in Resource Recovery, newspaper articles, conferences, webinars** - short discussion of markets including India becoming larger player, continuing issue with China.

**7 – Recommended Signage/Staffing at new station:** Ned H reiterated needs, eyes on us from Day one therefore launch FROM DAY ONE, Barb B, Brian and Ned will map out a plan & budget, main Entrance sign required by law & local zoning plus all other signage & extra staffing to insure face to face public contact during introductory phase, users must know what to do, what goes where, what not allowed. Will present to both BOS's for review. Media coverage including local cable, possibly some sort of celebratory opening with public walk-thrus / presentations with small groups discussed. Ed R mentions greater distances between areas at new TS will be challenging for current staff, radios and other possible solutions for this.

**8 - Adding new TRAC members, updating existing Email list:** Currently 7 official TRAC members, 4 from Salisbury, 2 from Sharon and 1 inactive Salisbury memb. Barb B is new chairperson, the 60/40 ratio on members not so critical, 10 person board no longer needed. Barb B suggests a non-voting student member option. Certain skill sets might be advisable. Curtis mentioned that SSRRA whose job now done may provide a TRAC candidate, not sure if SSRRA will still be needed, will revisit. Anne says SSRRA might be required to exist by law. Curtis will inquire.

**9 - New projects/initiatives (compost, litter, school outreach & liaisons, paperless mtgs, supermarket collab, WRAP, packaging etc):** Barb B attended recent environmental summit, not much relevant for us. Members will cont to monitor new initiatives including diversion of organics, liaise with area supermarkets on excessive packaging, other reductions, Anne mentioned incentives for customer provided produce bags, 5 cents.

**10 – Meeting Dates for 2020:** Weds, same time OK with all, 1-2 ppl may have to miss 1 mtg this year.

**11 - Public & Committee Comment:** None

**10 - Adjourn:** Barb B adjourned the meeting at 7:21P

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon

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