

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

Special Meeting - Weds June 9, 2021 – Zoom Meeting - 5:00PM

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

TRAC Members: Barbara Bettigole (chair), Anne Saunders, Casey Flanagan, Ed Regan & TS Mgr Brian Bartram

1 - Meeting called to order by Barbara Bettigole at 5:03 PM

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

3 - Approve Minutes from Mar 17 - Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - Discussion of Lee Sawyer Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grants

a) Suggestions for grant projects including past meeting ones; website, expanding food waste diversion, WRAP, public outreach. Plus gen info on grant guidelines, budget estimates & prioritization of projects

- Sawyer Grants awarded in Sept, run for ONE YEAR, Oct to Oct, are 2 categories, awards from \$1000-\$15,000 per funded project.

- can submit in one category as an umbrella with several prongs or separate small projects

- Brian mentions expansion & continuation of our food waste pilot is number one priority, all agree

- see rest of list, website development Barbara thinks is crucial as well, more public awareness of reuse/recycling, Casey mentions we already have all associated costs figured out for this

- food waste pilot, is going well, we already have a good size residential wait list plus restaurants and other businesses may be willing to become involved in the future

- Brian says economy of scale is crucial, must have enough compostable material to be worthwhile

- briefly going through rest of list but the 2 above are priorities

- resetting up swap shop, this is already happening shortly, perhaps next year swap shop expansion possible for grant proposal

- public outreach & awareness via flyers, handouts, signage also in progress but always need more

- already know costs for signage bought so far, a sep \$1K grant possible for this

- some discussion on school outreach plans

- WRAP - plastic film recycling contract plans for TS

- Glass separation - do not have avail end markets nearby & since glass is recyclable & free to do so with MIRA not as pressing, still would be right to do in future if find market or MIRA offers rebates for glass sep

- WRAP program, Ed mentions boat cover recycling, would TREX Recycling want this type of plastic if we could partner with larger users like this for recycling, Barbara will look into

- Yard waste & other specialized collections possible

- Anne asks about inkjet cartridges, could not find recycling container at TS, cartridges in the E Waste area but signage lacking, what goes where signage still needed in many spots where hard to find

- Casey feels we have 3 solid proposals easily worked up by deadline, the big ask would be our food waste expansion, so figure out what we need, increase pick-up, increase users, figure weekly fees etc to expand in Sept & project a yearly cost, at later date we may want to add businesses who produce food waste or use some grant money for more public outreach on food waste reduction

- decide tonight and finalize next week, Barb & Brian will put together info for short, special meeting next Weds before our regular meeting

- Brian mentions that new TS sticker roll out coming up would be a good time to go public on what we decide to do especially our already successful food waste pilot

- Ed has some final questions on how householders bring in their compost, home kit cost for householders

5 - Establish Plan for meeting the June 30 deadline - Final decisions, food waste, website, WRAP, these 3 projects will be worked up for grant proposals by next weeks special meeting

6 - Adjourn: Barb B adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM

Note: Next meeting Weds June 16, brief SPECIAL meeting earlier to finalize SAWYER GRANT proposals.

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon