

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

Weds June 16, 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 & Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand (joined meeting later)

1 - Meeting called to order by Barbara Bettigole at 5:01 PM

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

3 - Approve Minutes from June 9 - Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - Lee Sawyer Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Proposals

a) New Info from RecycleCT, budget line items must be spent AFTER awards granted Sept 21, will affect our proposal, changes when & what, cannot use on projects already in progress like the website

- Remember 1K is the minimum grant amt

- Anne asks about paid bills for website, Brian replies tho no bill due yet, website demo is up and set to go live shortly, the first 2 bills for this will come from TS budget, not eligible for Sawyer this year

- Brian says our first food waste pilot ends in Sept so timing is right for expansion & can include line items for outreach, education, website, newspaper ad, other associated costs

- Brian suggests we go with THIS ONE PROPOSAL with several facets all under umbrella of Food Waste Reduction Pilot Expansion, all agree

- briefly going over Grant Selection Criteria & budget items for this proposal

- Brian also mentions we urgently need this b/c not in the TS present budget to continue our FWR Pilot for another year, hauling costs too high

- Barb says we can easily extrapolate a budget for this expansion using some of the Scarsdale pilot stats Brian and Barbara will work on this

- Brian discusses possibility of including some restaurants in our expansion in some way most likely with shared hauling to reduce costs for all as well as outreach & education on food waste reduction

- Casey clarifies some points on the food waste pilot concerning restaurants, how to reach out, how many restaurants total can we work with, contacting the hauler, Curbside, about our options

- short discussion on contacting restaurants and total number, goal is to get a full truck of food waste for the hauler

- Barb & Brian feel we should go for the entire 15K and will fill out the forms, Barb feels we have more than met all Grant criteria for this proposal, all agree

- A Brief managers report on current volume increases at the transfer station, the swap shop re-opening, shelving & labeling is ongoing, there is a gate attendant job opening at TS, stickers for the coming year go on sale Monday at the 2 Town Halls,

- some further review of proposal as Curtis joins in, he mentions possible letters of support if needed from the 2 First Selectmen and from our state rep Maria Horn, who is an area resident & TS user if needed.

- some further full committee discussion on recycling changes & ideas, future MIRA rebates on recyclables, MIRA trash to energy plants & increased need for diversion, future initiatives on recycling that TRAC can pursue

5 Immediate Big Jobs - Writing Grant Proposal – Brian and Barb, Ed will help

6 - Adjourn: Barb B adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM

Note: Next meeting scheduled for Weds Aug 18, Barb B not avail so further details coming

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon