

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

Weds Feb 16, 2022 – Zoom Meeting - 5:00PM

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

TRAC Members: Barbara Bettigole (chair), Anne Saunders, Casey Flanagan

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 Dec 15, 2021 - Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - Manager's Report - Brian not able to attend tonight but some info from Barb, first on current state of RECYCLING, according to NRRA newsletter & other sources, recycling has increased greatly partly due to pandemic & end markets for cardboard & aluminum are also up. Hoping this trend on end markets for recyclables will continue. Barbara mentioned specifically on plastics that HDPE # 2 plastic jugs as well as # 1 plastics are in demand. Barbara asks Anne & Casey what if any transfer station feedback they have heard in the last few months. Both agree that most users at the TS seem very satisfied, no complaints or issues heard and all seem to be trying harder than ever to place things in the correct bins. All else is well at the transfer station, 2 new front gate staff added recently.

5 - Food Waste Program - Barb reports, we are still in our pilot phase & will go thru the end of this of this fiscal year, end of June, but looking to continue & expand in the future. Brian has been talking to another organization, CET, Center for Eco-Technology as well as other area transfer stations to pool resources. The our small pilot has not YET made a dent in diversion, it has been a very good learning & educational experience for all, residents, larger users such as schools & restaurants, the TS & its staff, all have been very positive. We are getting the how-to on everyone's radar and gathering info, an ongoing effort.

6 - Webinars & Newsletters - Barb is continuing to research and update the TS webpage with more newsletters promoting & sharing info on recycling with special attention relevant to schools & groups as well as residential users who need info. She asks that members of TRAC pass on any suggestions on relevant newsletters, webinars & other resources. She also mentioned that Brian continues to be very proactive on alerting us to various webinars and news items and often archives the info for us.

7 - Website Progress - Barb B reports that we are continuing to update the TS website with relevant info and that the number of hits are steadily increasing as well. There has also been some possible movement in the next fiscal year towards making online user fee payments possible. Many residents would like this.

Final comments - Bruce Palmer from Lakeville signed into ZOOM late, is happy to be able to attend this way but does not see PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda tonight. Barb says it was left off but is usually on. Casey asked about the Lakeville Journal article Barb wrote, more coming, it is being turned into series, may need a better working title, was called MAKE LESS GARBAGE. Casey also mentioned that recycling is a HOT topic in the media right now, we should take advantage. Casey attended recent Sharon E and E committee meeting (Energy and Environment) & noted some overlap with TRAC projects including composting & fix-it workshop ideas. Barb will contact EE for future projects & info. Anne mentions possible overlaps & shared resources on other town committees we may want to check out in future.

8 - Adjourn - Barb B adjourned the meeting at 5:37 PM

Note: Next meeting Weds April 20

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon