

Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)
Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of Apr 16, 2025, Zoom Meeting - 5 P

Present: Barbara Bettigole (chair), TRAC mems, Anne Saunders & Paul Bacsik & TS Manager Brian Bartram, no quorum tonite, just discussion, will table any votes

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

1 - **Meeting called to order** at 5:09 by Chair Barbara Bettigole

2 - **Approval of Agenda** - tabled

3 - **Approval of minutes Feb 19 meeting** - tabled

4 - **Transfer Station Managers Report** - Brian reports on our new prescription bottle take- back program (started by community resident Alex Wilbur) is set to begin. A container with instructions will be placed this week. Bottles must be empty with any names blacked out. Prescription bottles cannot be recycled but can be re-used. Paul asks about unused pills disposal. State police have on-site containers, can we include some info on all of above with signage and/or in an E newsletter. Also asks about economics of transportation, often done by air with or without a custodial person, yes, weight and volume make it economical.

Brian went over details of our recently denied MMI grant. In a debriefing that included DEEP & State Rep Maria Horn, we were told it was a good application but some odd reasoning regarding ownership of bear-proof bins to be used in Food Waste Collection, a misunderstanding we can work on next time, we would be LENDING bins to users in program, TS would own them. Paul asks, could we do it on our own, procure bins and truck? Brian says not now but can ask for in next budget especially if go to PAYT (pay as you throw) system. Brian says there may be other reasons for denial we do not know. Barb mentions a possible future MATCHING GRANT from SustainableCT. Perhaps restaurants and large FW producers would pitch in since would benefit them. We could possibly offer some promotional opportunity with their business name on truck. TRAC needs better connection & communication with area restaurants and large FW producers, working on in future, Paul will be involved.

2025-2026 user stickers - Same windshield ones this time but following year may change, especially if camera system and PAYT are used, table this discussion til next time but TRAC will research and make recommendations for 2026 – 2027 to BOS of both towns.

Barbara informs us that Meg S is stepping down from TRAC but still willing to be involved in other ways. Barb will find out if we can remain a committee of SIX or must we fill the position (Anne points out this may be a town requirement) and also all can research possible candidates.

The rest of the agenda is well summarized in the written agenda sent to all members, will review and continue next time.

Additional comment from Barb on swap shop book shelving, more accessible shelving, lowest shelves difficult for some users. Better shelving possibilities in the future.

Brian mentions that Barbara did all the work on the Food Waste Prevention Week materials and organizing. Thank you Barb.

Meeting was ended - at 5:42P

Note: Next meeting scheduled for Weds June 18, 2025 at 5P by Zoom

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon