

## Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC) Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of June 18, 2025, Zoom Meeting - 5 P

Present: Barbara Bettigole (chair), TRAC mems, Anne Saunders, Paul Bacsik, Karen Lundeen, Sarah Curtis, (Ed Reagan not able to attend) TS Manager Brian Bartram, Lynn Kearcher from Sharon BOS, John Brett from Salisbury BOS, guest Kitty K plus Alec Linden from Lakeville Journal

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

1 - **Meeting called to order** at 5:02 by Chair Barbara Bettigole

Move to amend Item 1 - to approve TONIGHT'S Agenda, seconded, passed

Move to amend Item 2 - to approve minutes of both Feb regular mtg & April general mtg since no quorum in April - moved, seconded, passed

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

3 - **Approval of minutes from Feb 19 and April 16** - Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - **TS Managers Report** - a) 2025-2026 STICKERS - Brian reports all in progress, stickers on way starting 6/28, same \$150 fee & user forms at Town Halls only.

b) SMM-R2 grant applic & support - (Sustainable Materials Management grants Round 2 - Brian, Barb & Kitty working with WASTE ZERO on our DEEP Grant for FW diversion & UNIT BASED PRICING, more details coming, highly competitive round, many applicants.

Brian expands on UNIT BASED PRICING advantages, more user control, likens to utilities, use more, pay more, use less, pay less. We already use PAYT for other items at TS, other towns using with good results. Brian mentions dumping on road issue with switch to PAYT. Data shows illegal dumping only a problem where it's already a problem. Karen asks about bag pricing, still to be determined, 2 sizes & will be buying from WASTE ZERO, vendor gets part of fee & towns get part, are sales tax exempt. Karen asks how bags are monitored, are coded, non W Zero bags will not be accepted. Question on compostable bags, may do in future but not now. Alec L suggests bags NOT be under-priced, so no need to increase right away. Kitty brings up need for a scale at the TS, especially for haulers, honor system now, is working well. Brian says DEEP will not fund a scale, other stations have them but have min amt restrictions for using. Anne mentions PAYT keeps users responsible, increases recycling, reuse & diversion, decreases irresponsible tossing. Brian mentions EPR bill for batteries just signed in CT (extended producer responsibility). Also DEEP will fund PAYT related grants. Lastly Barb mentions PAYT won't begin until mid 2026 or later therefore public awareness & education NEEDED in meantime to engender public support.

5 - **Food Waste Collection Update** - LaBonne's having bear problems, on pause for now, Indian Mountain School started pilot w/ faculty households, will include dining hall in future. Brian & Barb advising town of Colebrook on FW separation, had launch meeting on 4/17, more advising projects in future, all is stable on our own pilot right now.

6 - **Sustainable CT** - Both town teams, Salisbury & Sharon, have met, working with Salisbury Central schools, var depts involved, janitors, cafeteria staff, teachers, student, is in progress

7 - **Create list of TR AC prioritized action requests**- such as glass separation & others to pursue, several mentioned, expanding FW to include larger producers, aluminum cans & inkjet cartridges, soil improvement education, more outreach in person as well as online, questions on where compost goes & Lynn K has asked McEnroe to help TS as a resource.

8 - **Warm weather table sitting** - Still planning at TS, possibly ask Maria Horn or town selectmen to participate, volunteers needed, best days to do it & TWO table setup discussed, questions on logistics, what info needed, creation of handouts.

9 - **Other Business** - Karen on Jane Lloyd clambake event, TS will do FW sep info table & collection again, shells, corn husks, leftovers. Fine-tuning & asking for volunteers, successful first year in 2024 with 422 pounds FW diverted. Lynn K will post in town Enewsletter in July.

10 - **Public Comment** - Barb's story on the piano recently left at swap shop and how people played it and others enjoyed listening.

**Adjourn Meeting** - Barbara adjourned meeting at 6P

*Note: Next meeting scheduled for Weds Aug 16, 2025 at 5P by Zoom*

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon