

**Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)**  
**Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of Dec 17, 2025, Zoom Meeting - 5 P**

Present: Barbara Bettigole (chair), TRAC members, Anne Saunders, Karen Lundeen, Sarah Curtis, Paul Bascsik, Lisa Nauman, TS Mgr Brian Bartram & Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand

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

- 1 - **Meeting called to order** at 5:05 by Chair Barbara Bettigole
- 2 - **Approval of Agenda** - Moved, seconded, all in favor
- 3 - **Approval of minutes from Aug 20 and Oct 15** - Moved, seconded, all in favor, tabled til Dec meeting, no quorum

Note: Continued issue with Agenda reaching Sharon Town Clerk, Barb will figure out

4 - **TS Managers Report** - Updates from Brian on Grant progress and FW pilot data, TRAC members were sent reports on both by Email, demo box issue last week at TS, Brian says rules, hours, payment info all available and has been resolved with user. Our SMMR2 (Sustainable Materials Management) grant from DEEP has been approved but not contracted yet, some hold up still, we are waiting. Curtis says still some questions and all towns receiving these grants have same holdup, MIRA closure details also being worked out, including Torrington MSW site, towns working on before 2027 closure deadline or will need to find alternatives.

Our TS ordinances need an update soon, mostly on flow control issues & info for haulers, Curtis expands a bit - users prefer haulers of their choosing, in turn haulers can take loads to any TS, obviating need for sticker etc. We need to require Sharon & Salisbury generated MSW goes to SSTS, not elsewhere. Loss of Flow control causes small revenue losses that add up. This issue is on Salisbury BOS agenda for January. Paul asks if we can somehow monetize haulers instead of banning flow to other locations. Brian answers that MSW is a local issue by legislation, flow control is a local or county government ordinance and must be in compliance with such.

5 - **Outreach / Education** - Barb mentions 2 ongoing projects, more ideas from TRAC members for monthly newsletter, online from both towns, please contact Barb with any content ideas appropriate for this. Also continuing with info sessions, tabling at TS has gone very well and WasteZero will help, especially for info & education on PAYT, will need more education on PAYT to insure users will be on board.

6 - **Food Waste Program Update** - Brian Emailed data to TRAC members, we are up to 71,000 pounds FW diverted in rolling year. Lisa suggests this be added to the next newsletter. Barb will contact LaBonne's on how they are doing, their methods, problems, solutions to date. Sweet Williams is coming on board, volunteers did a recent pick up of 200 pounds of coffee grounds. Barb noted that Michigan and Iowa are recently in the news on recycling and landfill projects.

7 - **Other Business** - None

8 - **Public Comment** - None

9 - **Adjourn Meeting** - Barbara adjourned meeting at 5:33P

*Note: Next meeting scheduled for Weds Feb 18, 2026 at 5P by Zoom, with new Zoom link for 2026*

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon