

## MINUTES FROM APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SMMR2 GRANT COMMITTEE

Hotchkiss Library, Sharon, CT (5:00-6:30)

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM

In attendance:

- Committee members, Barbara Bettigole, John Baroody, John Brett, Lisa Naumann, Barrett Prinz, Christie Rawlings
- Transfer Station Manager Brian Bartram
- Waste Zero presenters: Kristen Brown, Tory McBrien-Vranken

Introductions of attendees, and a pitch from Barbara Bettigole regarding Waste Zero's success rate in securing grants and supporting municipalities in waste reduction strategies.

Kristen and Tory gave a brief history of Waste Zero, and a broad overview of UBP (Unit-Based Pricing) and its impact on waste reduction and costs of disposal. They shared a slide deck featuring charts and graphs from Connecticut municipalities who have successfully implemented UBP, many of them also implementing food waste diversion – making an even greater impact on reducing waste and cost of disposal.

Kristen emphasized the fairness of UBP, households paying by how much garbage they generate rather than a flat user fee. In other words, based more like a utility – those who use more electricity, for example, should pay more than those who use less).

Committee members asked questions including a concern for potential illegal dumping, how UPB works for households using private haulers, how businesses take part. All were answered satisfactorily by Waste Zero and Brian Bartram.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Next meeting: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM at Salisbury Town Hall,

Minutes submitted by Barbara Bettiole