Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)
Minutes of TRAC Regular Meeting of Oct 21, 2026, Zoom Meeting - 5P

Present: TRAC members Barbara Bettigole (chair), Anne Saunders, Karen Lundeen, Sarah Curtis, Paul Bascsik, TS Mgr Brian Bartram & guests Jen Wening and Rachel M from Mohican Land Trust

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

1 - **Meeting called to order** at 5P by Barbara Bettigole
2 **- Approval of Agenda** - Moved, seconded, all in favor
3 - **Approval of minutes from Aug 19 -** Moved, seconded, all in favor

4 - **TS Managers Report including Grant Progress -** Brian mentions swap shop issues of civility, questions & arguing from a few users on who belongs in the swap shop, all those with a sticker can come in is the rule, tho some users have issues with pickers. We have a separate agenda item tonite, number 6 on swap shop messiness to be discussed. Grant is still working through committees and will have more updates shortly

5 - **Consider formal recommendation letter to town BOS's** - Barb is considering sending a formal letter from TRAC on future directions including use of cameras, expanded Food Waste program, the future of stickers and forms. Brian says cameras will only make sense if and when we go to a PAYT system, so we'll wait on this and others, Barbara mentions the experience of other facilities shows that combining PAYT and FW diversion is the best possible way in the future, re-iterate that DEEP grant is dependent on doing this plus will help our larger food waste producers such as schools and supermarkets to comply with new FW laws, while insuring a better hauler deal for ourselves by increasing volume. Tabling more grant uses discussion until we actually have it, Waste Zero will help with outreach, education and information.

6 **- Swap Shop Mess -** Some gen discussion on users not following rules in both swap shop and textile bins, plus some examples of other TS facilities using employees, mostly part timers to manage. Brian goes into some history on our own set up and how it has changed. What about volunteers in the future asks Jen W, discussion of fees for pickers and some comments on better organization especially for books, other solutions, another table sitting event in future may be the best thing we can do now. Brian says part-timers & volunteers are often more problematic than helpful, but we can revisit, we would provide vests to identify TS volunteers to users. Barb mentions the many good connections and good will in swap shop but needs messiness and following the rules addressed in some way.

7 - **Other Business** - Barb mentions other actions and priorities, may discuss more in December. Brian mentions the CLYNK redeemables collection controversy online right now, we are still working on a way to do this, would be different from stores with bag purchases and individual accounts. Anne asks if we can do CLYNK another way with just our own TS account, one collection bin, users donate their returnables to the TS and we in turn donate to chosen charities, would CLYNK do this, Brian plans to check.

8 - Public Comment- Rachel asks for some clarification on our camera versus stickers and forms discussion above. Brian explains it is another way to control user entry similar to license plate readers at toll booths, some privacy issues and don't know if we could ever do it but it is a future consideration especially if we go to unit based pricing.

9 - **Adjourn Meeting -** Barbara adjourned meeting at 5:50P

Note: Next meeting scheduled for Wed Dec 16, 2026 at 5P by Zoom

Minutes recorded by Anne Saunders, TRAC Member, Sharon