

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
January 20, 2021

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on January 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Chris Prokop, Patrick Legault, Karen Della-Giustina, Loretta Smith and Wendy Novick. Non-members who also attended – Chris Kelly (OGAT) who was live streaming the meeting on our behalf, Bob Brinton (Orange’s Town Engineer) and Susan Wineland.


Public Input: Susan Wineland inquired about recycling batteries in order to determine how to properly dispose of them. Household batteries, like A, AA, AAA, C & D batteries are to be tossed in the garbage as they have no recycling value. Rechargeable batteries can be taken to Home Depot or Battery Plus stores for recycling. Chris Kelly mentioned the Alderman-Dow Iron and Metal Co. which is located in New Haven, CT as another source. They will currently pay you for your car and boat batteries, rechargeable batteries, emergency light batteries, computer batteries, lithium ion and steel case batteries if you bring them to their place of business.

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Karen Della-Giustina seconded to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: Paid an invoice for \$54.94 to FastSigns for replacement of a sign at the Transfer Station.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	1-056-890-90-956-50	
1/20/2021	2020	
Balance Forward		\$1,962.38
	2021	
FastSigns	(\$54.94)	\$1,907.44


 Mitch Goldblatt
 TOWN CLERK
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 ORANGE, CT
 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
 RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2019	2020	DELTA
January	89.67	89.29	-0.4%
February	62.45	66.18	6.0%
March	68.34	80.90	18.4%
April	81.21	84.97	4.6%
May	88.51	80.87	-8.6%
June	76.73	86.13	12.3%
July	82.54	89.38	8.3%
August	76.48	72.26	-5.5%
September	71.65	82.31	14.9%
October	82.81	70.40	-15.0%
November	79.09	87.92	11.2%
December	77.95	87.37	12.1%
YTD Total	937.43	977.98	4.3%

Simple Recycling

Textile Rates:

<u>2020</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September	1,220	\$0.0575	\$70.15
October	11,600	\$0.0575	\$667.00
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575	\$711.91
Dec	12,959	\$0.575	\$745.15
YTD Total	38,160	\$0.0575	\$2,194.21

Old Business:

New Rack N Pac Shed: Chris Prokop reported no current update to getting a permanent shed. The funds needed are still frozen for this completing this community project. The good news is we are still on their list to have this done at a future date when the funds freeze is lifted by Home Depot.

Simple Recycling at Transfer Station; High Plains and Houses of Worship: Simple Recycling is running smoother at the Transfer Station and is being emptied out on a regular basis. Their banner has been affixed to the trailer, but only the top is firmly anchored down so Mitch Goldblatt spoke to Sonny Wilkens suggesting they do the same with the bottom of the banner as it's flapping around and there's fear is that it won't last long if not affixed more permanently. The drop box at the High Plains Community Center has been doing poorly so far. We will promote it in the newspaper and on Facebook to reinforce its existence to the public in hopes they will start using it more frequently as an alternative to the trailer at the Transfer Station.

Tour of Winter Brothers Recycling Plant: The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee members is still on hold at this time because of COVID-19.

New Business:

Shredding Day - 2021: We have scheduled April 10, 2021 to hold the town's next Shredding Day event and all our partners of the past several years are on board.

Proposed Expanded Bottle Bill: The State of CT would like to step up efforts to expand the bottle bill during the current legislation period. Senator James Maroney is hoping to raise the redemption amount from 5 cents to 10 cents per container and to increase the types of bottles and cans that can be recycled. Mitch Goldblatt will update the Recycling Committee as he gets news of any progress on this issue moving forward.

Other New Business: Sylvie Napoli, from the Orange Public Works Department, informed Mitch Goldblatt that the town of Fairfield, CT might be getting paid for disposing of the propane tanks they are collecting at their Transfer Station. Sylvie gave Mitch a contact person to reach out to for information on this and see if it's something the Town of Orange can participate in. Loretta Smith also

reminded us the corrugated cardboard if brought to the Transfer Station instead of being put in your blue bin generates money for the town. We will try and remind residents of this through our media outlets.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. after a motion by Loretta Smith, seconded by Chris Prokop, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary