

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
February 19, 2020

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on February 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Amy O’Connell, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Patrick Legault, Karen Della-Giustina and Chris Prokop

**Public Input:** Lauren Hass attended the meeting to inquire about the upcoming Shredding Day. Lauren owns an Organizing business and she was looking for a way to promote her services to the public. However, we all felt that this was not the forum for that so any promoting for, or volunteering at Shredding Day would be helpful if she was interested in just doing that. We welcome all volunteers and hope that Lauren will take part in it with the rest of us.

**Minutes Approval:** Mark Moyher made a motion and Karen Della-Giustina seconded to approve the minutes of January 15, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** No financial changes took place in the prior month

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

	02/19/2020		1-056-890-90-956-50
		<b>2019</b>	
Balance Forward			\$1,720.94
		<b>2020</b>	

**Residential Recycling Rates:**

MONTH	2019	2020	DELTA
January	89.67	89.29	-0.4%
February	62.45		
March	68.34		
April	81.21		
May	88.51		
June	76.73		
July	82.54		
August	76.48		

  
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September	71.65		
October	82.81		
November	79.09		
December	77.95		
YTD Total	89.67	89.29	-0.4%

**Textile Recycling (Pink Bag) Rates:**

Since we started the program back in July 2019, Simple Recycling has collected the pink bags totaling 24,135 pounds of goods. At the rate of \$.01 per pound, the town of Orange has been paid \$241.35 for their participation so far.

**Old Business:**

**Shredding Day:** The next shredding day will take place on Saturday April 25, 2020. Affordable Solutions had no choice, but to raise their rate to \$675 this time around due to the recent changes in paper recycling in which they are now being charged for the collection of the paper instead of being paid for it. Mitch has reached out to the Rotary Club too see if they will accommodate paying for this increase. There is the possibility we may only have one event this year if the pricing continues this way instead of our normal two events.

**Rack N Pac Shed Replacement:** Chris Prokop and Mitch Goldblatt have been meeting with the manager at the Home Depot in Orange to see if they would be willing to donate a new shed to the Transfer Station. Home Depot is interested in doing a Community project for 2020, but it must be to a non-profit organization so the Rotary Club attended the last meeting to apply on our behalf. We hope to hear back on this matter in the next few weeks so we can move forward on the replacement shed as soon as possible.

**Orange Times Articles:** Ilene Moyher has looked into the Orange Times to make sure our articles, submitted by Loretta Smith, for recycling tips are being published. Everything seems to be going okay with the exception of maybe an article or two not making it into one of the editions. We will continue to submit and monitor the articles to see that they are being included so we can all benefit from reading them.

**Spring Forum:** Unfortunately, Sherrill Baldwin from CT DEEP Source Reduction and Recycling is not able to return and present a program for us this year on the What's In, What's Out program that was so successful last year. We reviewed whether it made sense to have the Orange Recycling Committee host a similar event, but decided against it at this point in time and will monitor if there's something else we can do or just wait and try again next year.

**New Business:**

**HazWaste Days:** We were recently assigned Saturday's June 27 and October 3, 2020 as the dates for the Orange Recycling Committee to assist with this program as we have been doing in past years. We are looking for volunteers to come out on at least one of these days. Mitch Goldblatt and Patrick Legault have volunteered for the June 27 date and Chris Prokop, Ilene and Mark Moyher, and Amy O'Connell will be available for the October 3 date.

**Food Waste Diversion:** Mitch Goldblatt will provide more details as they unfold on this topic. So far, the Council of Governments has submitted an application for a grant on this item. It will involve finding ways to use the excess food rather than throwing it in the garbage.

**Tour of Winter Brothers Recycling Plant:** Mitch Goldblatt reached out to this facility, located in Shelton, CT to see about putting together a tour for the Orange Recycling Committee members to see how they operate. We have assigned March 28, 2020 as a temporary date if the company can accommodate us otherwise we will try for some other date in May.

**Give Away Items:** The committee wants to continue with handing out some type of item at the Shredding Day, Business Expo and Country Fairs events as we have in the past. An idea for flower seeds on compostable paper was discussed and Mitch will look into pricing.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM after a motion by Ilene Moyher, seconded by Patrick Legault and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary