

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
March 18, 2020

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on March 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

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

Guest- Susan Wineland

Public Input: Susan Wineland joined us and inquired about setting up collection areas throughout Orange for plastic bags and plastic wraps that can be recycled into Trex products like decking and railing. Susan recently read that North Branford does this and Mitch will reach out to his town contact there to see how we can get involved at some future time after we are able to collect at the Transfer Station again.

Minutes Approval: Loretta Smith made a motion and Amy O’Connell seconded to approve the minutes of February 19, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

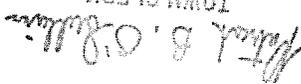
Financial Update: No financial changes took place in the prior month

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	03/18/2020	1-056-890-90-956-50
	2019	
Balance Forward		\$1,720.94
	2020	

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2019	2020	DELTA
January	89.67	89.29	-0.4%
February	62.45	66.18	6.0%
March	68.34		
April	81.21		
May	88.51		
June	76.73		


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July	82.54		
August	76.48		
September	71.65		
October	82.81		
November	79.09		
December	77.95		
YTD Total	152.12	155.47	2.2%

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 through the end of 2019. Through the first two months ending February 29, 2020, we have collected an additional 4,481 pounds.

Old Business:

Shredding Day: The next shredding day will take place on Saturday April 25, 2020. However, we may need to cancel and reschedule this event due to the safety of avoiding and spreading the COVID-19 virus should this situation deteriorate over the next month. We will be constantly monitoring the situation and speaking with all parties involved. The fee has risen to \$675 and Mitch reached out to the Rotary Club who will accommodate paying for this event as they have in the past. There is the possibility we may only have one event this year instead of our normal two events. The Orange Community Woman will not be joining us, as the date was not optimal for them due to other commitments and issues. The mattress collection will be a part of this event as they have the prior few events.

Rack N Pac Shed Replacement: Chris Prokop has been in constant contact with the manager, Matt, 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 still interested, but they have delayed their approval as the company is dealing with bigger issues related to the COVID-19 virus. We hope it will eventually go through and will patiently wait a little while longer before exploring other alternatives. Karen Della-Giustina suggested possibly cohabitating with the paint shed or tire collection area as a short-term solution. Mitch will speak with Jerry at the Transfer Station about this as soon as possible.

Orange Times Articles: Loretta Smith will continue to submit articles for recycling tips, keeping in mind that they must fit within the space the paper has allowed for us. It will be a challenge as Loretta loves to research and provide the readers with as much information as possible to make it informative and interesting. We really appreciate her hard work and enthusiasm reaching out to the town residents.

New Business:

HazWaste Days: Saturday June 27 and October 3, 2020 are the dates for the Orange Recycling Committee to assist with this program as we have been doing in past years. 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.

Domain Name and Website Renewal: The website and domain name are up for renewal at the end of March 2020. The cost of a 2-year renewal is \$371.25. Loretta Smith made a motion to approve the payment, which was seconded by Amy O'Connell, and approved unanimously.

Tour of Oak Ridge Recycling Plant: Mitch Goldblatt reached out to this facility, located in Shelton, CT putting together a tour for the Orange Recycling Committee members on Saturday March 28, 2020. This tour, unfortunately has been canceled due to COVID-19, so we will look for an alternative date at our next meeting in April.

Orange Business Expo: Will be taking place on Wednesday June 10, 2020 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT. Mitch Goldblatt, Chris Prokop, Patrick Legault, Loretta Smith, and Mark Moyher are possible volunteers at the table. We will set up a schedule and see who else can assist as we draw closer to this date.

Give Away Item: We will be ordering plantable seed bookmarks to hand out at the Business Expo, Shredding Day and Country Fair events this year. Amy O'Connell will be designing the look for the bookmarks as soon as possible so we can order them in time to hand out at our first event, the Shredding Day.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM after a motion by Amy O'Connell, seconded by Karen Della-Giustina and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary