

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
April 15, 2020

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on April 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Patrick Legault, Loretta Smith, Chris Prokop and Wendy Novick. Non-members who also attended – Susan Wineland, Chris Kelly (OGAT) and Hal Basuljevic (Southern CT University), plus at least one other person on by phone.

Public Input: Susan Wineland informed us that grocery stores have suspended collecting and recycling plastic bags until further notice.

Minutes Approval: Loretta Smith made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of March 18, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	04/15/2020	
		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	80.90	18.4%
April	81.21		
May	88.51		
June	76.73		
July	82.54		
August	76.48		
September	71.65		
October	82.81		


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November	79.09		
December	77.95		
YTD Total	220.46	236.37	7.2%

Textile Recycling (Pink Bag) Update:

Simple Recycling was recently deemed a non-essential business by the state of Connecticut so the collection of the pink bags was suspended during March until further notice.

Old Business:

Shredding Day: The Saturday April 25, 2020 event has been canceled due to the COVID-19 virus. We will now hold shredding day on Saturday October 17, 2020. 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. The Orange Community Woman will be joining us and the mattress collection will be a part of this event as they have the prior few events. The Lions Club will collect mattresses for \$10 at your home or it is free if you bring it to the Community Center where the event takes place.

Rack N Pac Shed Replacement: Chris Prokop has been in contact with the manager, Matt, at the Home Depot in Orange about donating 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. The committee tried to see if the Transfer Station could cohabitate the Rack N Pac in another shed, but that was not able to happen. We hope people will hold their plastic bags until we can get something done and not throw them in the trash.

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. This program currently runs from Mid-May until the last weekend in October. We do not know if it will be changed or delayed due to the COVID-19 virus situation.

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, which had to be canceled. We are free to reschedule another tour once the state lifts the social gathering ban and we all feel comfortable with going.

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 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 and hand them out at our upcoming events.

New Business:

Mark Moyher made a motion to add the 2020 Orange Country Fair Civic Tent rental to the new business agenda and Loretta Smith seconded it. It carried unanimously.

Orange Country Fair 2020: Mark Moyher made a motion for the recycling committee to reserve a booth and table for \$135 at the 2020 Orange Country Fair and Wendy Novick seconded it. It carried unanimously. Mark will send the check in before the June 1, 2020 deadline. The recycling committee will discuss how we will participate and who will be able to assist during the next few months leading up to the Fair.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM after a motion by Loretta Smith, seconded by Ilene Moyher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary