

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
May 19, 2021

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person and on the phone on May 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Karen Della-Giustina, Loretta Smith and Susan Wineland, our newest member who only needs to be sworn in, met in person. Patrick Legault, Chris Prokop and Wendy Novick attended by phone.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Loretta Smith seconded to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There were no changes from the prior month. Upcoming expenses will be the fee to host a booth at the Orange Country Fair and an order of new bags for the Rack N Pac shed

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

5/19/2021

1-056-890-90-956-50

2020

Balance Forward **\$1,962.38**

2021

FastSigns	(\$54.94)	\$1,907.44
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)	\$1,357.44
Reimbursement – Rotary Club	\$550.00	\$1,907.44

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2020	2021	DELTA
January	89.29	73.49	-17.7%
February	66.18	64.09	-3.2%
March	80.90	83.67	3.4%

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 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
 RECEIVED TOWN RECORDS
 2021 MAY 21 AM 10:44
Patrick D. O'Sullivan
 TOWN CLERK

April	84.97	79.70	-6.2%
May	80.87		
June	86.13		
July	89.38		
August	72.26		
September	82.31		
October	70.40		
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	321.34	300.95	-6.3%

**Simple Recycling
Textile Rates:**

<u>2020</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
January				January	11,343	\$0.0575	\$652.22
February				February	8,004	\$0.0575	\$460.23
March				March	9,780	\$0.0575	\$562.35
April				April	12,941	\$0.0575	\$744.11
May				May			
June				June			
July				July			
August				August			
September	1,220	\$0.0575	\$70.15	September			
October	11,600	\$0.0575	\$667.00	October			
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575	\$711.91	Nov			
Dec	12,959	\$0.0575	\$745.15	Dec			
YTD Total	38,160	\$0.0575	\$2,194.21	YTD Total	42,068	\$0.0575	\$2,418.91

Old Business:

New Rack N Pac Shed: Home Depot recently put up a new temporary shed while we wait to hear from them on replacing it with a permanent shed. Chris Prokop will reach out to them before our next meeting to see where this issue stands.

Simple Recycling at Transfer Station; High Plains: Simple Recycling recently cleaned out the entire trailer, but are still concerned about the quality of the items and the unacceptable items that are still being deposited. The bin at the High Plains Community Center has been moved to a more visible area, but the traffic of items being dropped off has been slow as we continue to try and spread the word about it. Mitch Goldblatt recently reached out to Sonny Wilkens to inform him the lock for the door on the bin is broken and needs to be replaced.

Book Collection Proposal: Mitch Goldblatt reached out to the Friends of the Library Club about the recent proposal Discover Books made about having a collection bin at the Transfer Station. The Friends decided they wanted to keep the book drop offs at the public library and then sell the books themselves back to Discover Books so they can control what books are good for the twice a year book sale they run to raise funds.

Proposed Expanded Bottle Bill-SB1037 Update: Bill No. 1037 seems unlikely to pass as it's been amended and watered down. Wine bottles have been pushed back to be at least two years from being part of the program and increasing the bottle deposit to 10 cents will be delayed at least one year as they voiced concerns about it being a tax increase in appearance. Despite these setbacks we are still encouraging people to write our Representatives and Senator to support the bill.

Pill Bottle - #5 Recycling Possibility: Susan Wineland recently informed the Recycling Committee about a ministry in Ohio that is collecting pill bottles to send to countries in need of them to assist in storing their medication. We discussed adding a collection bin to the Transfer Station, but after further talks decided, for the time being, it might be better to spread the word in small groups and see how things progress. Loretta Smith will write an article and post their website so residents can go there to get informed on what they can do to help this cause.

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. Mitch Goldblatt has been trying to reach his contact at the plant to get some possible dates, but his phone calls and emails have not yet been returned.

Orange Country Fair September 18 & 19, 2021: We are looking forward to hosting a booth again this year and will be submitting our registration fee to guarantee a place at the Fair. Mark Moyher will reach out to Nadine Gilbert to see if we can continue our traditional donut giveaway to children who

participate in our recycling educational game. We will also bring ideas to next month's meeting on what type of giveaway we would like to hand out to the public at this and our next Shredding Day event.

Transfer Station Participation: Loretta Smith will be putting together a signup sheet for volunteers to spend a Saturday at the Transfer Station to assist residents who may have questions. This will be an every other weekend event and two people will be on hand. One person will be situated at the Recycling and Rack N Pac area and one person will be situated by the Simple Recycling Trailer. The volunteers will wear their Orange Recycling tee shirts to stand out. Bob Brinton was approached about this and agreed it was a good idea to proceed with. A start date has yet to be determined.

New Business:

Shredding Day – 2021: We have scheduled October 9, 2021 to hold the town's next Shredding Day event. We will discuss how to make it even more efficient. One likely thing will be to publicize a 10 box maximum at one time. Residents will be informed that they can either get back in line or return later to drop off the leftover boxes if they choose to do so.

Haz Waste Days – Volunteers: We have been assigned Saturday July 17 and Saturday October 16, 2021 as dates to volunteer on. The time is 9:00am until noon. Only two volunteers will be necessary, down from four or five in past years. Volunteers will only be directing the traffic around to the drop off site. Mitch Goldblatt, Patrick Legault, Chris Prokop, and Susan Wineland said they could be available for the July date and Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop and Patrick Legault could be available for the October date.

Glass Recycling Efforts: Jennifer Heaton Jones recently presented this program to the South Central Regional Council of Governments. Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli showed interest in this and informed Mitch Goldblatt to look into it further.

HRRA Meeting, Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:30AM: Their next meeting on this date will contain further information on glass recycling efforts if anybody wants to attend.

Next Meeting June 23, 2021: Mitch Goldblatt has a conflicting issue on our regularly scheduled date of Wednesday, June 16, 2021. A motion was made by Mark Moyher and seconded by Loretta Smith to move the meeting to the following Wednesday, June 23, 2021 and have it be a special meeting. It

was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. after a motion by Loretta Smith, seconded by Karen Della-Giustina, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary