

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
August 19, 2020

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on August 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Karen Della-Giustina, Chris Prokop, Patrick Legault, Loretta Smith and Wendy Novick. Non-members who also attended – Catie Clark, Stephanie Nichols-Burns, and Chris Kelly (OGAT) who was live streaming the meeting on our behalf.

Public Input: Catie Clark and Stephanie Nichols-Burns attended the zoom meeting. They are both interested in following the committee to see what things are going on in town recycling and are willing to volunteer once the opportunity to do so arises.

Minutes Approval: Wendy Novick made a motion and Karen Della-Giustina seconded to approve the minutes of July 15, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There were no changes in the previous month

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	08/19/2020	1-056-890-90-956-50
	2019	
Balance Forward		\$1,720.94
	2020	
Ilene Moyher (Website)	(\$328.46)	\$1,392.48

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		

September	71.65		
October	82.81		
November	79.09		
December	77.95		
YTD Total	549.45	577.72	5.1%

Old Business:

Textile Recycling at Transfer Station: The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to have Simple Recycling replace Goodwill at the Transfer Station. An agreement is being worked on with town attorney Vincent Marino and we are hopeful that it won't take too long before the trailer is ready for collection. There will be an additional trailer placed at the High Plains Community Center. They will place trailers at schools once the Board of Education reviews and agrees to have them. Places of worship was discussed and may have to be approached one at a time to see if they want one and if Simple Recycling is willing to supply the drop boxes at those locations.

Shredding Day: We are still on to have our Shredding Day on Saturday October 17, 2020. The Orange Community Woman will be joining us and the Bye Bye 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: The Rack N Pac is back in service after been down for a couple days after the recent tropical storm. It was mostly undamaged except for the missing doors. Chris Prokop wrote a very nice thank you letter to Home Depot and manager Matt Hyatt for their help in putting up the temporary shed. Home Depot is still committed to installing a more permanent shed in the fall if everything goes well.

HazWaste Days: Saturday October 3, 2020 is still a good date. Ilene and Mark Moyher, and Amy O'Connell have volunteered to be there barring any changes from the Water Authority on procedures of having the volunteers there in person.

Tour of Winter Brothers Recycling Plant: Mitch Goldblatt reached out to this facility, located in Shelton, CT putting together a tour for the Orange Recycling Committee members. We are still hopeful that we can attend the plant this year if the social distancing is working and all parties are comfortable getting together.

New Business:

New Signage at the Transfer Station: The directory board outside the transfer station will need to have the sign for Goodwill removed and replaced with a Simple Recycling sign. The Brush and Leaves sign, inside the Transfer Station, was damaged and needs to be replaced. Ilene will work up the logos and we will contact Steve at FastSigns to get them made up. Ilene Moyher suggested additional signs are needed at the mixed recycling bin to point out not to put plastic bags in there and why they are harmful. Ilene will put together some samples to see if we can approve them and have them created for installment along with the other signs.

Recycling Bins on the Same Side of the Street: We discussed the pros and cons of having the blue bins put out on the same side of the street for easier and cheaper pickup. There is no monetary benefit and we thought safety with crossing the roads, inclement weather conditions and people not bringing in their bins timely weighed against bringing this topic up for any further discussion.

Orange Recycling Committee Annual Report: Mitch will be putting this report together and will send it to Ilene Moyher for editing before passing it out at the September meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM after a motion by Chris Prokop, seconded by Loretta Smith and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary