

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Draft MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021

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The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Loretta Smith, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Patrick Legault, and Susan Wineland.

**Public Input:** Lora Wu and Sarah Kuchta-Humphrey were in attendance to see how our committee works and the possibility of helping out as volunteers.

**Minutes Approval:** Susan Wineland made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of October 20, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** Loretta Smith's friend Tad was paid for hanging the sign at the Transfer Station and the Orange Country Fair was paid for the free donuts promotion we ran.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

11/17/2021

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
Orange Country Fair Booth	(\$135.00)	\$1,772.44
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$211.84)	\$1,560.60
Town of Orange	\$1,800.00	\$3,360.60
Rob and Pat McCorkle	\$100.00	\$3,460.60
Ken Lenz and Marianne Miller	\$50.00	\$3,510.60
Affordable Solutions	(\$625.00)	\$2,885.60
Reimbursement – Rotary Club	\$625.00	\$3,510.60
Barker Specialty – Rulers	(\$445.00)	\$3,065.60
Tad – Sign Hanging	(\$65.00)	\$3,000.60

Country Fair Donuts

(\$237.00) \$2,763.60

**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%
April	84.97	79.70	-6.2%
May	80.87	76.55	-5.3%
June	86.13	85.11	-1.2%
July	89.38	79.41	-11.2%
August	72.26	77.61	7.4%
September	82.31	71.87	-12.7%
October	70.40	63.37	-10.0%
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	802.69	754.87	-6.0%

**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	10,335	\$0.0575	\$594.26
June				June	9,608	\$0.0575	\$552.46
July				July			
August				August	4,991	\$0.0575	\$286.98
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 67,002 \$0.0575 \$3,852.61

### **Old Business:**

**Tour of Oak Ridge Recycling Plant-October 30, 2021:** The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee finally took place on Saturday October 30, 2021 after a long delay due to COVID-19. There were, unfortunately, many eye-opening items that weren't as promising as we all hoped. The facility was very large and the workers have to deal with a lot of safety rules and regulations. An issue we never thought of was people throwing out syringes and needles in their plastic bags and bottles which can prick a worker trying to separate items. This causes the worker to miss time and the need to receive shots over a long period of time to combat infections and other possible side effects. Plastic Bags and Wrap items are no longer collected by the TREX Company throughout Connecticut as their programs have been discontinued at this current time. Therefore, it seems the facility is throwing them out as trash. We are trying to reach out to businesses like Target, Home Depot, and Shop Rite to see where the plastic they collect is going and how it's being handled. Glass Recycling is difficult since we currently don't separate the glass from other items and they are contaminated when not rinsed out causing them to be discarded as trash. We also learned that wet loads create a problem with the cardboard and paper items making it difficult, if not impossible to separate. So options are being explored to see what can be done at the Transfer Station to keep the rain and snow from getting into the containers where these items are being collected.

### **New Business:**

**Next Shredding Day-April 2, 2022:** We are looking to create signs to be put up at the entrance to properly direct people to the right spot for the event. Bye Bye Mattress will, once again, be on-site for residents to discard of their old mattresses for recycling.

**Meeting Calendar 2022:** The 2022 meeting calendar, which was approved at our last meeting, was distributed to all committee members.

**Composting Proposal:** There are very few towns who have adopted a composting program. It is difficult to find the public space to accommodate it as well not having all the necessary equipment

available to properly regulate it. Residents would have to transport the compost there themselves or the town would have to hire a private company to collect it which would be very costly. Another big drawback is to keep the compost from getting contaminated since meat and dairy are not allowed to be included. We talked about possibly getting a speaker to hold an event to inform residents how to compost at their home. Another option we are exploring is putting together a couple instructional videos ourselves and posting them to assist people who are interested.

**Branford Recycling Brochure:** Susan Wineland brought a recycling brochure from Branford, CT to our previous meeting. It was very well designed and informed their residents all about recycling do's and don'ts in their town among other things. We would like to do something like this for Orange, but need time to review our town's rules and be sure we have all the correct information before undertaking such a task. We discussed 2023 as a possibility for moving forward with this idea.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM after a motion by Loretta Smith, seconded by Susan Wineland and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary