

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
 Approved MINUTES  
 Wednesday, January 19, 2022

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with Zoom Meetings on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Patrick Legault, Susan Wineland, Karen Della-Giustina and Chris Prokop. Non-members who also attended – Chris Kelly (OGAT) who was tapping the meeting on our behalf.

**Public Input:** Lora Wu and Sarah Kuchta-Humphrey attended as the public.

**Minutes Approval:** Mark Moyher made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.


**Financial Update:** Poly Wrap Plastic bags that we ordered were paid for this past month.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

01/19/2022	1-056-890-90-956-50		
		<b>2021</b>	
<b>Balance Forward</b>			<b>\$2,763.60</b>
		<b>2022</b>	
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$242.01)		\$2,521.59

**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%

  
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October	70.40	63.37	-10.0%
November	87.92	82.89	-5.7%
December	87.37	99.87	14.3%
YTD Total	977.98	937.63	-4.1%

**Simple Recycling  
Textile Rates:**

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>2020</u>				<u>2021</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	7,132	\$0.0575	\$410.09
August				August	4,991	\$0.0575	\$286.98
September	1,220	\$0.0575	\$70.15	September	172	\$0.0575	\$9.89
October	11,600	\$0.0575	\$667.00	October	652	\$0.0575	\$37.49
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575	\$711.91	Nov	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06
Dec	11,320	\$0.0575	\$650.90	Dec			
YTD Total	36,521	\$0.0575	\$2,099.96	YTD Total	76,025	\$0.0575	\$4,371.44

**Old Business:**

**Plastic Bags and Wrap:** The shed at the Transfer Station has been closed the past two weeks since Oak Ridge is no longer accepting plastic bags and wraps. TREX Company has discontinued programs throughout Connecticut and Oak Ridge has no other contracts to collect them for recycling at this time. Mitch contacted Harry Garafalo at Shop Rite to see if there was an opportunity to combine our plastic bags with theirs to make sure they get recycled instead of disposed. Harry viewed the shed and checked out the condition of the bags and wraps we are collecting and said they had the capacity to accept 12-15 bags from us on a weekly basis. Delivery would have to be prearranged every Thursday and dropped off at the Shop Rite, in Orange, on an agreed upon time on Friday. We had hoped Public Works would facilitate this drop-off, but we were informed they would not be able to do this. The Recycling Committee and some public residents have volunteered to undertake this

while we search for a more permanent solution. Mitch will speak with several volunteers and Shop Rite to see how we can proceed in the interim.

**Glass Recycling:** Getting our glass recycled is proving to be difficult. We currently use single stream recycling and don't separate the glass from other items we are collecting. Orange did not qualify as a testing center since we did not meet the conditions required. Mitch Goldblatt spoke with Bob Brinton about having a special container at the Transfer Station just for collecting glass and there is a possibility to go this route depending on the cost. Joe Sardone, from Oak Ridge, will submit a proposal for review. We were informed that the town would be responsible to pay for the container to collect the glass and the shipping costs to haul the glass away, but we would not have to pay any tipping fees.

**Haz Waste Collection in Orange:** Mitch Goldblatt worked hard with Lori Vitagliano, from the Regional Water Authority, to present to the Board of Selectmen, on January 13, 2022, the opportunity to hold a satellite HazWaste Collection at High Plains on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with our Shredding Day. Several members of the Recycling Committee attended the Zoom meeting for support. Ilene Moyher and Wendy Novick were called upon to speak on the Committee's behalf. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the request. Clean Harbors will be staffing the HazWaste event. We will be advertising through all our available channels, town newspaper, websites and Facebook as soon as possible. The information provided should include a list of acceptable items and non-acceptable items so people can be prepared ahead of time. It will also be very important to inform people the website to go to so they can fill out the paperwork online ahead of time to avoid delays once they reach the drop-off area. Town Hall should be provided this information as well to assist people who don't read the articles, but will call for the information instead. Creating signs to put up along with the Shredding Day signs will be looked into. This event will be targeted towards residents of Orange, but residents of other towns who participate in the program will also be allowed to come. There will be a need to have as many of our members and volunteers available since we need to assist with the Shredding Day and have several people assigned to direct the flow of traffic to the HazWaste collection site. A dumpster will also need to be delivered and on hand for the trash that will come from items brought that are considered non hazardous and for containers that get their contents emptied. There was a suggestion to have a couple recyclable bins on hand as well, but since we can't have our members in the collection area due to safety issues, we don't know how valuable this will be.

### **New Business:**

**Composting – Meriden Project:** A pilot program for composting food waste for free was recently launched in the town of Meriden. It is being called "Making Meriden Green". Meriden was awarded a \$40,000 grant from The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and signed up 1,000 households to participate. It is the first of its kind in Connecticut. Meriden was able to do this since they pick up in conjunction with their municipal trash pick-up performed by the city. Orange, along with many other towns and cities will be interested in following this program to see if there will be an opportunity in the future to set up a similar program. Up to 20% of trash collected is compostable so this could also be a big money saver for towns as paying for having trash hauled away is costly.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary