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ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Draft MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday May 18, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Loretta Smith, Susan Wineland, Wendy Novick, Lora Wu, Patrick Legault, Chris Prokop, Mark Moyher and Ilene Moyher.

Public Input: Sean-Michael Green

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Alternate Member: Congratulations to Lora Wu recently named as an alternate by First Selectman, Jim Zeoli to replace Karen Della-Giustina on the Recycling Committee.

Financial Update: Several invoices were paid the past month. Renewal for Website Hosting and the entry fee for a booth at the 2022 Orange Country Fair

Bill for Rack N Pac: Loretta Smith made a motion to approve the invoice to order additional plastic bags for the Rack N Pac in the Plastic Bags Shed for up to \$300 which was seconded by Wendy Novick. It carried unanimously.

Bill for Website Hosting: Loretta smith made a motion to approve the \$280.76 invoice for renewing the Recycling Committee's website hosting from Wix which was seconded by Susan Wineland. It carried unanimously.

Additional Plastic Bag Signage: Mark Moyher made a motion to approve the \$184.84 invoice from FastSigns to create and install a new sign for Plastic Bags Only at the Plastic Bags Shed which was seconded by Loretta Smith. It carried unanimously.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

05/18/2022

1-056-890-90-956-50

2021

Balance Forward **\$2,763.60**

2022

Vent Plastic Bags	(\$242.01)	\$2,521.59
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)	\$1,971.59
Rotary Club – Reimbursement	\$550.00	\$2,521.59
Tad Martin – Shed Repair	(\$75.00)	\$2,446.59
Barker Specialty – Yard Signs	(\$749.50)	\$1,697.09
Barker Specialty – Cloths	(\$438.68)	\$1,258.41
Ilene Moyher – Website Domain	(\$50.72)	\$1,207.69
Orange Country Fair Fee	(\$135.00)	\$1,072.69
Ilene Moyher – Web Hosting	(\$280.76)	\$791.93

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2021	2022	DELTA
January	73.49	74.06	0.8%
February	64.09	63.41	-1.1%
March	83.67	68.55	-18.1%
April	79.70	68.47	-14.1%
May	76.55		
June	85.11		
July	79.41		
August	77.61		
September	71.87		
October	63.37		
November	82.89		
December	99.87		
YTD Total	300.95	274.49	-8.8%

**Simple Recycling
Textile Rates:**

<u>2022</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
January	761	\$0.0575	\$43.75	January	11,343	\$0.0575	\$652.22
February	578	\$0.0575	\$33.23	February	8,004	\$0.0575	\$460.23
March	293	\$0.0575	\$16.85	March	9,780	\$0.0575	\$562.35
April	302	\$0.0575	\$17.37	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				September	172	\$0.0575	\$9.89
October				October	652	\$0.0575	\$37.49
Nov				Nov	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06
Dec				Dec	310	\$0.0575	\$17.83
YTD Total	1,934	\$0.0575	\$111.20	YTD Total	76,335	\$0.0575	\$4,389.26

Old Business:

Recycling Contamination: Two loads of recyclables were rejected in April for being contaminated. They had to be thrown away as trash and therefore not included with our recyclable loads. It was discovered that trash had been included in some of the blue bins. The homeowners were identified and notified not to include trash in the bins going forward. The current cost to the Town of Orange for disposing trash is approximately \$65 per ton versus approximately \$35 per ton for recycle disposal. So, it's important to make sure we educate our residents to properly sort their recycling items to avoid them getting tossed out as trash.

Plastic Bags and Wrap: Home Depot has been accepting our plastic bags and wrap, to combine with theirs for a couple of months now. So far, there have been no problems with them taking the bags from us. Loretta Smith will be putting together and sending out a spreadsheet for committee members to sign up in June to help bring the plastic bags to Home Depot on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Bicentennial Clean-up Days: The Bicentennial Committee will be organizing days to go around town roads to collect trash and recyclables in order to clean up the town as part of the 200 year celebration. The first one took place on Saturday May 7, but unfortunately none of the Recycling Committee members were able to participate. We do not know when the next day is taking place. Anybody interested can contact George Lesko, who's in charge of this program for more information. His phone number is: 203-610-3804 and email address is: gmlcbl@msn.com.

Other Old Business: Lora Wu has volunteered to alternate some of the article writing on recycling tips for the newspaper relieving Loretta Smith of doing it full time.

New Business:

Next Shredding Day: We have confirmed Saturday, October 8, 2022 as the day to host our next event. So far, all vendors have confirmed their participation, except for the Orange Community Woman's Club. It will exclude Haz Waste Collection which we hope can be added in the Spring of 2023.

Facebook Assistance: Ilene Moyher is looking for some assistance keeping up with Facebook posts. While no committee members have yet volunteered, everybody please check with friends, neighbors who have high school children who might be looking to get credit for helping out.

Small Liquor (Nips) bottles: There is a current 5 cents per bottle surcharge on small liquor bottles (50 milliliters or less) which is to be paid back to the municipalities where they were sold. This money is designed to provide towns funds to help reduce solid waste and littering.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM after a motion by Wendy Novick, seconded by Mark Moyher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary