

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Draft MINUTES
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday January 21, 2026. The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Chris Prokop, Alicia Mozian, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, and Wendy Novick.

Public: Lora Wu, G.G. Cabrera, Ali Maklad and Krista Nolan as well as Camila Sosa and Ron McIntyre from Take 2 were in attendance.

Update of Committee Membership: Mitch Goldblatt has already sent First Selectmen Jim Zeoli the names and contact information of Karen Della Giustina and Paul Seplowitz to consider as replacements for the two open Alternate spots on the committee.

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Ilene Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025. Alicia Mozian abstained.

Financial Update: There were no financial transactions during the previous month.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

1/21/2026

1-056-890-90-956-50

2025


Balance Forward

\$3,020.44

2026

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2024	2025	DELTA
January	69.73	65.89	-5.5%
February	57.99	59.99	3.4%
March	59.40	55.35	-6.8%
April	67.47	59.41	-11.9%
May	70.36	67.87	-3.5%
June	65.67	63.27	-3.7%

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July	74.03	69.71	-5.8%
August	63.95	57.83	-9.6%
September	71.74	50.75	-29.3%
October	63.55	59.54	-6.3%
November	58.22	47.74	-18.0%
December	69.62	60.20	-13.5%
YTD Total	791.73	717.55	-9.4%

One recycling load was rejected in December due to contamination.

Textile Recycling Rates – Bay State Textiles

2025	Pounds	Rate	Paid	2024	Pounds	Rate	Paid
Jan	2,530	\$0.06	\$151.80		None		
Feb	1,910	\$0.06	\$114.60		1,225	\$0.06	\$73.50
Mar	2,210	\$0.06	\$132.60		1,400	\$0.06	\$84.00
Apr	2,640	\$0.06	\$147.60		1,455	\$0.06	\$87.30
May	2,900	\$0.06	\$174.00		2,070	\$0.06	\$124.20
Jun	2,710	\$0.06	\$162.60		1,895	\$0.06	\$113.70
Jul	3,720	\$0.06	\$223.20		1,900	\$0.06	\$114.00
Aug	3,060	\$0.06	\$183.60		2,230	\$0.06	\$133.80
Sep	2,780	\$0.06	\$166.80		2,160	\$0.06	\$129.60
Oct	4,400	\$0.06	\$264.00		2,500	\$0.06	\$150.00
Nov	2,750	\$0.06	\$165.00		1,860	\$0.06	\$111.60
Dec	2,720	\$0.06	\$163.20		1,910	\$0.06	\$114.60
Total	34,150	\$0.06	\$2,049.00	Total	20,605	\$0.06	\$1,236.30

Glass Recycling – In December 2025, 1,400 pounds of glass was collected.

Food Scrap Program – 700 pounds of food scraps were collected in December 2025.

Guest Speakers from Take 2 Concerning Electronics Recycling:

Camila Sosa (Customer Service and Logistics Manager) and Ron McIntyre (Director of Client Sales) came to the Orange Recycling meeting to introduce themselves and talk about what Take 2 offers. They currently operate out of Waterbury, CT and partner with 95% of Connecticut towns and cities to collect Electronic Recycling for residents and businesses. They could possibly pay the town anywhere from \$.06-\$.08 per ton collected. In addition, they would collect CFL bulbs and batteries at the Transfer Station. We currently use Newtech Recycling, which only pays us \$.03 per ton. Take 2 was well received by the Orange Recycling Committee. They have a solid business plan and are willing to assist us with marketing materials to better promote recycling for the Town of Orange. In addition, they may be willing to participate in our Shredding Day to collect electronics and offer very detailed reporting based on the town's needs.

Chris Prokop made a motion and Alicia Mozian seconded to contact Public Works Director Brinton to pursue a possible contract with Take 2 to replace Newtech Recycling. The motion was approved unanimously. If Take 2 is willing to present us with a contract write up, then the Recycling Committee can present this at a future Board of Selectman meeting.

Old Business:

Food Scrap Issues: There was a recent issue at the Transfer Station where the food scraps were not picked up in a timely manner for a couple of weeks. Mitch Goldblatt contacted Interstate Waste Services a couple times before they came out to make the pick-up.

New Business:

Plastic Bags and Wrap Duty at the Transfer Station: The February schedule was collected by Mitch Goldblatt at our meeting, and he will email it to all the committee members.

Facebook Posting Error: Ilene Moyher accidentally uploaded a page meant for the Democratic Committee to the Orange Recycling Facebook page. It was taken down very quickly as it was brought to her attention by First Selectman Jim Zeoli. Ilene sent out an email apologizing about the mistake.

Holiday and Snow related curbside pick-up issues: We recently had Christmas and New Year's Day on Thursdays which moved curbside pick-up to Friday and Friday pick-up to Saturday. Since it snowed the Saturday after Christmas this delayed the pick-up until the following Saturday. This caused inconvenience for residents, but this event was highly unusual. As a reminder, the Town website posts all schedules when there are holidays so residents can see when their new pick-up should take place.

Milford-Orange Times Articles: Ilene Moyher will take over the writing and submitting of recycling articles from Susan Wineland. We want to thank Susan for all her past contributions on behalf of our committee.

Christmas Tree Pick-up: The Scouts were interested in organizing a Christmas Tree pick-up for residents for a small donation to help get the trees properly recycled after the holidays are over. Mitch Goldblatt offered to help them promote this on our website, but he never heard back from them, so we don't know if they did this or not.

Lauren Hass Decluttering Talk Thursday, March 19, 2026: This event will take place at the Case Memorial Library at 6:30pm. Lauren will present ways to residents that have items they wish to discard with the best way to do this. It will be tied to the Shredding Day event taking place on April 11, 2026, in case they have items to bring there for disposal.

Next Shredding Day, April 11, 2026: Saturday, April 11, 2026, is our next scheduled Shredding Day. It should be another packed event as Bye-Bye Mattress, Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange will also be on-site. In addition, we will hold another Electronics collection. The Lions Club are available to pick up mattresses at the resident's home who cannot get them to High Plains Community Center themselves. The cost will be \$15 for this service. The Recycling Committee and Rotary Club will have volunteers on site to assist with the flow of traffic, retrieving the papers from vehicles and collecting the electronics. We are also trying to coordinate having the Drug Take-Back Collection happen at the same time. Mitch spoke to Detective Bailey, who will investigate and get back to us to see if it's possible as April 25, 2026, is the National Take-Back Collection Day.

The Cylinder Collective Agreement and Information: On October 1, 2025, the State of Connecticut began a new program to expand the collection of how cylinders (propane, propylene, butane and helium) are collected and recycled. This group was formed in October 2025, to add collections sites, including at Town Transfer Stations for this program. Currently only about 10 towns have been added and none so far in New Haven County. This will need further review before seeing if Orange can be included as a site. The Transfer Station would need to set up a fenced in area for the collection of these cylinders.

Recycling Coordinator at Transfer Station: We want to recommend that the Transfer Station hire a Recycling Coordinator at the next budget meeting. Partial funding could be covered by utilizing the nip money as well as the money collected from the textile collection. This person will be responsible for assisting residents who have questions about recycling stations and making sure that recycling items are going where they are designated to go. We feel it's greatly needed and can help cut down on contaminated loads in the future.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7:00PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Wendy Novick and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary