

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
February 22, 2021

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on February 22, 2021. The special meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

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

Public Input: Susan Wineland brought up glass recycling. Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority implemented a new recycling plan for glass approved by CT DEEP. Separated glass is sent to Urban Mining CT, a new recycling company located in Beacon Falls, Connecticut. There are more than a dozen local towns with drop-off locations at present. It will have to be looked into to see if the town of Orange can participate in the program.

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Loretta Smith seconded to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021, with a small correction in the Simple Recycling calculations. The minutes as amended, were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There was no activity since the previous meeting

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT			
2/22/2021	1-056-890-90-956-50	2020	
Balance Forward			\$1,962.38
		2021	
FastSigns		(\$54.94)	\$1,907.44

Mitch Goldblatt
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Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2020	2021	DELTA
January	89.29	73.49	-17.7%
February	66.18		
March	80.90		
April	84.97		
May	80.87		
June	86.13		
July	89.38		
August	72.26		
September	82.31		
October	70.40		
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	977.98	73.49	-17.7%

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			
March				March			
April				April			
May				May			
June				June			
July				July			
August				August			
September	1,220	\$0.0575		September			
October	11,600	\$0.0575		October			
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575		Nov			
Dec	12,959	\$0.0575		Dec			
YTD Total	38,160	\$0.0575	\$2,194.21	YTD Total	11,343	\$0.0575	\$652.22

Old Business:

New Rack N Pac Shed: The current shed at the Transfer Station was destroyed in a combination of the snow removal process, coupled with wind. Chris Prokop, Mitch Goldblatt and Bob Sigler of the Orange Rotary Club will be meeting at The Home Depot on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 to reapply for the grant to receive the donation of a permanent shed at the Transfer Station. We are hopeful it will go smoothly and the shed can be in place sometime before the end of March.

Simple Recycling at Transfer Station and High Plains: Simple Recycling recently had their banner affixed more permanently to their trailer so it won't flap around and become detached. Loretta Smith was able to reach out to her friend Tad, from Woodbridge, who was given permission to complete the job. Simple Recycling will pay the \$116 invoice charged for this task.

Tour of Winter Brothers Recycling Plant: The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee members is still on hold at this time because of COVID-19.

New Business:

Shredding Day - 2021: We have scheduled April 10, 2021 to hold the town's next Shredding Day event and all our partners of the past several years are on board. Mitch Goldblatt submitted a press release for the Committee to review. There were a few suggestions and changes which Ilene Moyher will make and send to Mitch for final approval. Once the press release has been finalized it will be submitted to the newspapers and on-line for publication. The consensus concern of the committee is how to better control the flow of traffic to keep it safe for everybody present at the event. Mitch will see if we can get saw horses or cones from the Highway Department.

Proposed Expanded Bottle Bill: The State of CT would like to step up efforts to expand the bottle bill during the current legislation period. Senator James Maroney was hoping to raise the redemption amount from 5 cents to 10 cents per container and to increase the types of bottles and cans that can be recycled. Mitch Goldblatt will update the Recycling Committee if he hears of any news that things are moving ahead. As of this meeting, there was no confirmation of any progress being made.

Other New Business: Loretta Smith brought up food scrap recycling as an option in Orange based on an article in the New Haven Register called "From your table to a pig farm". The town of Old Saybrook currently has food scrap recycling set up at their Transfer Station. A local pig farm collects the food scraps and, after adhering to strict reheating laws distributes the food to feed their pigs. Based on data collected by the Transfer Station this can reduce their bulk waste by approximately 30

percent and lower their hauling costs considerably. Loretta will look into this going forward to see if there's any possibility of something the Town of Orange can implement.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. after a motion by Chris Prokop, seconded by Wendy Novick, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary