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ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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Mitch E. Goldblatt
TOWN CLERK

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Chris Prokop, Loretta Smith and Wendy Novick. Non-members who also attended – Josh Cloutier and Chris Kelly (OGAT) who were taping the meeting on our behalf, Susan Wineland, and Jennifer Heaton-Jones (7:45PM).

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Loretta Smith made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There was no activity since the previous meeting

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

3/17/2021

1-056-890-90-956-50

2020

Balance Forward

\$1,962.38

2021

FastSigns

(\$54.94) \$1,907.44

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2020	2021	DELTA
January	89.29	73.49	-17.7%
February	66.18	64.09	-3.2%
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	137.58	-11.5%

February numbers were off by 1.2 tons of contaminated recyclables that had to be treated as trash and discarded. Mitch Goldblatt reached out to Sylvie Napoli who will try and found out what exactly was the issue that caused this problem.

**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			
April				April			
May				May			
June				June			
July				July			
August				August			
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	19,347	\$0.0575	\$1,112.45

Old Business:

New Rack N Pac Shed: Chris Prokop, Mitch Goldblatt and Bob Sigler of the Orange Rotary Club met with Matt Hyatt, Home Depot Manager on Wednesday February 24, 2021 and Bob signed the new

documentation for the grant to receive the donation of a permanent shed at the Transfer Station. We are hopeful the funding will be approved within the next two weeks and the shed can be installed in April. Bob Brinton, from Public Works, will assist the installers on where and how it should be placed at the Transfer Station. In the meantime, Mitch Goldblatt has helped to inform the Transfer Station employees on how to properly dispose of the plastic bags in order to not contaminate the recycling.

Simple Recycling at Transfer Station; High Plains: Simple Recycling has been going well and are still working on a couple minor issues. These involve clearing out items that are unfortunately put in the trailer that do not belong and sweeping out the trailer to keep it clean.

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.

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. Several articles have appeared in newspapers and on OrangeCTLive.com detailing to the residents the information needed to attend this event. We have emphasized bringing the documents in paper bags or cardboard boxes that can be disposed of instead of containers they want back and stressed to put them in the trunk or the back of vehicle where volunteers and committee members can retrieve them while the occupant remains in their vehicle. It has also been noted that we hope residents will wear a mask during this time. The Committee is also getting sawhorses from the Highway Department to assist us in keeping the line of traffic orderly and to prevent accidents. Mattresses can be brought directly to the High Plains Community Center or residents can arrange with Ken Lenz, from the Lion's Club, to have their mattress picked up at their place of residence for a \$10 fee. We are also promoting the Simple Recycling bin on the premise to bring items for depositing their textiles and know it's there if they can't get to the trailer at the Transfer Station. The Orange County Fair Committee is also doing a food drive which will be set up under the Pavilion on the fairgrounds. The Rotary Club will be on hand to assist and collect donations as this event is free to all residents to participate in.

Food Scraps: Loretta Smith looked into the possibility of collecting food scraps for local pig farms and there was concern in the quality of what might contaminate the food, like plastic or metal pieces so at this time we have decided not to pursue this any further.

New Business:

Pill Bottle #5 Recycling: Susan Wineland, from the public, informed the Recycling Committee about a ministry in Ohio that is collecting pill bottles to send to countries in need of them to assist in storing their medication. Susan will let us know more information and if other items, such as aspirin and vitamin bottles are also acceptable. If the ministry seeks an unlimited supply of these bottles we will consider adding a collection area within the Plastic Wrap Shed for drop-off and will coordinate to collect and mail them on to the ministry.

Proposed Expanded Bottle Bill – Senate Bill No. 1037: The State of CT will be hearing Senate Bill No. 1037 on Friday March 19, 2021. Mitch Goldblatt wrote testimony to submit to the Committee on Environment in support of the bill which expands the items that can be redeemed as well as raising the deposit rate from 5 cents to 10 cents. The Orange Recycling Committee, after a motion made by Mark Moyher and seconded by Wendy Novick, has fully endorsed their support of adopting this bill. It was carried unanimously.

Special Guest – Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Executive Director HRRRA Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Executive Director, at the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority joined us to make a presentation on glass recycling and how beneficial it is to reducing a municipality's cost by removing it from the current stream and how it can reduce the carbon footprint we leave behind. It was very beneficial and Jennifer also encouraged everybody to reach out and try to let our state representatives know that we are in support of bill No. 1037 to expand the bottle bill and that another bill No. 928 concerning recycled content requirements is also of significant importance as they go hand in hand.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 28, 2021

There is a conflicting issue on our regularly scheduled date of Wednesday, April 21, 2021 because of the Town Budget Hearing. A motion was made by Chris Prokop and seconded by Ilene Moyher to move the meeting to the following Wednesday, April 28, 2021 and have it be a special meeting. It was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. after a motion by Loretta Smith, seconded by Chris Prokop, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary