

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Approved MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday April 19, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Chris Prokop, Susan Wineland, Loretta Smith, and Mark Moyher.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Susan Wineland made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of March 29, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: During the past month, we bought Vent Plastic Bags for the Rack `N Pak shed; paid FastSigns for new signage at the Transfer Station and paid Affordable Solutions for the Shredding Truck.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

4/19/2023

1-056-890-90-956-50

2022

Balance Forward

\$1,161.57

2023

Vent Plastic Bags

(\$335.32)

\$826.25

FastSigns – Signage/Transfer Stn

(\$549.40)

\$276.85

Affordable Solutions

(\$500.00)

(\$223.15)

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2022	2023	DELTA

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January	74.06	72.54	-2.1%
February	63.41	56.19	-11.4%
March	68.55	65.23	-4.8%
April	68.47		
May	72.94		
June	75.58		
July	70.71		
August	64.23		
September	74.96		
October	65.94		
November	76.12		
December	72.45		
YTD Total	206.02	193.96	-5.9%

**Simple Recycling
Textile Rates:**

<u>2023</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
January	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06	January	761	\$0.0575	\$43.75
February	327	\$0.0575	\$18.80	February	578	\$0.0575	\$33.23
March	201	\$0.0575	\$11.56	March	293	\$0.0575	\$16.85
April		\$0.0575		April	302	\$0.0575	\$17.37
May		\$0.0575		May	759	\$0.0575	\$43.64
June		\$0.0575		June	640	\$0.0575	\$36.80
July		\$0.0575		July	456	\$0.0575	\$26.22
August		\$0.0575		August	450	\$0.0575	\$25.87
September		\$0.0575		September	635	\$0.0575	\$36.51
October		\$0.0575		October	397	\$0.0575	\$22.83
Nov		\$0.0575		Nov	388	\$0.0575	\$22.31
Dec		\$0.0575		Dec	581	\$0.0575	\$33.41
YTD Total	1,103	\$0.0575	\$63.42	YTD Total	6,240	\$0.0575	\$358.79

Old Business:

Transfer Station Recycling Attendant: Mitch Goldblatt reported about the recent New Haven Register article that was published highlighting overall reduced recycling rates the past couple of years and some contamination of recyclables that costs the town money since it has to be discarded as trash. The Orange Recycling Committee was advocating for a part-time recycling attendant in the next fiscal budget that would benefit and help reduce costs to the town. However, First Selectman, James Zeoli believes this is not necessary. Mitch will bring it up again at the Annual Budget Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

New Business:

Next Shredding and Haz Waste Day April 22, 2023: Saturday April 22, 2023 (Earth Day) is our next Shredding Day. Haz Waste is participating for the second year. It should be a packed event as Bye-Bye Mattress, Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange will also be on-site. A press release has already gone out to OrangeCTLive.com, the Milford-Orange Times and the Orange Town News promoting this event. The main driveway will be blocked off to divert traffic to enter on Tribute Way so we will need to make and hang signs on the sawhorses to indicate the flow of traffic. The Rotary Club will also be sponsoring a Purple Pantry food drive.

Haz Waste Walk-Through April 5, 2023: The walk-through for Haz Waste Day on Wednesday April, 5 went smoothly. Traffic will enter on Tribute Way and be directed around the back to the ball field area where residents will just open their trunks and Clean Harbor attendants will unload the items for them.

Future Purchases of Poly Bags-Public Works: Starting after July 1, 2023 the Public Works Department will pay for the costs of Poly Bags for the Rack `N Pak shed. The bags will be ordered and paid for by Town Hall.

Miniature Liquor Bottles – “nips” money – The money received by the Town of Orange for the sale of these liquor bottles was discussed that it might go to the Orange Recycling Committee in place of the annual stipend they receive. After some additional talks it now appears the Town will incorporate the money into their budget and the ORC will keep their annual stipend of \$1,800 if the town budget passes. This bottle money can be spent anyway local leaders want as long as it pertains to the

reduction of trash and litter. The negative aspect is there's no deadline when the money needs to be spent by or any oversight mechanism to ensure it's spent properly.

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

Haz Waste Coverage at Regional Water Authority: We have been assigned Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, October 21, 2023 as dates to volunteer at The Regional Water Authority located at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven. The time is from 9:00am until noon. There has been initial talk of when some people can volunteer, but we will shore that up at the next meeting. So far, Chris Prokop, Loretta Smith, Patrick Legault, and Mark Moyher are free as needed.

Other New Business:

Orange Country Fair September 16 & 17, 2023: We received a registration form in the mail inquiring if we would like to attend and set up a booth at the 2023 Orange Country Fair as we have in the past. Mark Moyher made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Prokop to purchase the booth at a cost of \$125, plus another \$10 for a table to continue our attendance. It carried unanimously.

Bring your own Mug: Susan Wineland passed along that Starbucks is offering customers 10 cents off if they bring in their own clean coffee mugs to be filled up. We might include it as an article in one of the upcoming write-ups to the newspaper. Dunkin Donuts and a few other establishments appear to also let customers bring in their own mugs, but you might have to call them to confirm this as they don't advertise it.

Blue Earth Compost Company: Mitch Goldblatt shared an email from Sara Kutcha-Humphrey, who has attended some our meetings in the past saying that this company helps towns set up composting programs. Unfortunately, when Mark Moyher reviewed this, the company is currently not offering this service in Orange.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Loretta Smith and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary

