

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
 Draft MINUTES  
 Wednesday, May 17, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday May 17, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Wendy Novick, Chris Prokop, Susan Wineland, and Lora Wu.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Susan Wineland made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of April 19, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** Treasurer Mark Moyer was not present. The Committee spent \$160 to reserve a booth (\$150) and table (\$10) at the Orange Country Fair. Rotary Club of Orange support for Shredding Day was directed to the committee via the Town of Orange to pay Affordable Solutions for the shredding truck in the amount of \$600, We anticipate an annual stipend of \$1,800 next fiscal year if the Town budget passes. The money received by the Town for the sale of miniature liquor bottles will be incorporated into the Town budget, and not directed toward the Committee. Starting July 1, 2023 Town Hall will order and Public Works will pay for the costs of Poly Bags for the Rack `N Pak shed.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

5/17/2023

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	(\$600.00)	(\$323.15)
Rotary Club support	\$600.00	\$276.85
Orange Country Fair booth&table	(\$160.00)	\$116.85

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**Residential Recycling Rates:**

MONTH	2022	2023	DELTA
January	74.06	72.54	-2.1%
February	63.41	56.19	-11.4%
March	68.55	65.23	-4.8%
April	68.47	49.88	-27.2%
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	274.49	243.84	-11.2%

**Textile Recycling Rates – Simple Recycling**

2023	Pounds	Rate	Paid	2022	Pounds	Rate	Paid
Jan	575	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.06	Jan	761	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.75
Feb	327	\$ 0.0575	\$ 18.80	Feb	578	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.23
Mar	201	\$ 0.0575	\$ 11.56	Mar	293	\$ 0.0575	\$ 16.85
Apr	351	\$ 0.0575	\$ 20.18	Apr	302	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.37
May				May	759	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.64
Jun				Jun	640	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.80
Jul				Jul	456	\$ 0.0575	\$ 26.22
Aug				Aug	450	\$ 0.0575	\$ 25.88
Sep				Sep	635	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.51
Oct				Oct	397	\$ 0.0575	\$ 22.83
Nov				Nov	388	\$ 0.0575	\$ 22.31
Dec				Dec	581	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.41
Total	1454		\$ 83.61	Total	6240		\$ 358.79

**Old Business:**



**Shredding and Haz Waste Day April 22, 2023:** Shredding Day was successful, yielded a high level of community engagement, and ran smoothly. A total of 13,000 lbs (6.5 tons) of paper were shredded, and a second truck was called on to allow for all drop offs to be accepted. ORC members worked alongside Rotary Club of Orange in accepting the steady flow of traffic. Haz Waste collection by Regional Water Authority and Clean Harbors accepted waste from 116 Orange residents. 19 pre-registered, and the operation ran smoothly. In 2022, 147 individuals dropped off hazardous waste. Bye Bye Mattress received 27 mattresses, 6 of which were collected across town by the Orange Lions Club. Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange were pleased with the turn out for donations and exchanges. New endeavors this year included prescription drug collection by CERT and the Orange Police, a food drive for the Purple Pantry by the Rotary Club of Orange, and a local Girl Scout troop selling cookies.

**Transfer Station Recycling Attendant:** Mitch Goldblatt again advocated for funding a part-time recycling attendant in the next fiscal budget at the most recent Annual Budget Meeting. At present, this has not been included in the budget.

**New Business:**

**Plastic Bags and Wrap Duty at the Transfer Station:** The June schedule was collected by Mitch Goldblatt at our meeting and he will email it to all the committee members. We need more help on week days.

**Haz Waste Central at Regional Water Authority:** Two ORC members will volunteer on site at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Saturday July 15: Chris Prokop and Loretta Smith

Saturday October 21: Patrick Legault and Mark Moyher

**Next Shredding Day in October:** Mitch Goldblatt surveyed the community groups involved regarding preferences for either October 7 or October 14, 2023 for our next Shredding Day. A motion was made by Wendy Novick and seconded by Susan Wineland to reserve October 7, 2023 as the next Shredding Day. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Orange Country Fair:** We have reserved a booth and table for September 16 & 17, 2023. A community member suggested we consider upcycling components to our outreach table, eg sewing to repair clothing.



**Fun Day:** ORC members participated in the first annual Fun Day event sponsored by the Orange Chamber of Commerce on Saturday May 6. Local Businesses and Organizations were on hand to meet the public and answer questions about the services they provide to the town. Special thanks to Mark Moyher for engaging with the community, sharing lollipops and recycling knowledge, and arranging for a neighbor to help. Thanks also to Mitch Goldblatt and Ilene Moyher for participating.

**Coordination with other towns:** Susan Wineland met Steve Johnson, Assistant Director of Public Works in Milford, CT at Milford's Earth Day celebration. He shared similar experiences in managing recycling in Milford, and is willing to collaborate on joint initiatives in the future.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM after a motion by Chris Prokop, seconded by Susan Wineland and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Wu (covering for Secretary Mary Moyher)

