

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
June 23, 2021

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person on June 23, 2021. The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Loretta Smith, Wendy Novick, Patrick Legault, Chris Prokop and Susan Wineland. Susan was recently sworn in and is now a full-time member of the committee.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of May 19, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There were recent expenses during the past month. We paid to host a booth at the Orange Country Fair and for an order of new plastic bags for the Rack N Pac shed

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

6/23/2021

1-056-890-90-956-50

2020

Balance Forward \$1,962.38

2021

FastSigns	(\$54.94)	\$1,907.44
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)	\$1,357.44
Reimbursement – Rotary Club	\$550.00	\$1,907.44
Orange Country Fair Booth	(\$135.00)	\$1,772.44
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$211.84)	\$1,560.60

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Residential Recycling Rates:

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

March	80.90	83.67	3.4%
April	84.97	79.70	-6.2%
May	80.87	76.55	-5.3%
June	86.13		
July	89.38		
August	72.26		
September	82.31		
October	70.40		
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	402.21	377.50	-6.1%

**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	9,780	\$0.0575	\$562.35
April				April	12,941	\$0.0575	\$744.11
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	42,068	\$0.0575	\$2,418.91

Old Business:

Transfer Station Participation: Loretta Smith sent out a signup sheet for volunteers to spend a Saturday at the Transfer Station to assist residents who may have questions. This will be an every other weekend event and two people will be on hand. One person will be situated at the Recycling and Rack N Pac area and one person will be situated by the Simple Recycling Trailer. The volunteers will wear their Orange Recycling tee shirts to stand out. We are starting on Saturday June 26, 2021.

Haz Waste Days Volunteers: We have been assigned Saturday July 17 and Saturday October 16, 2021 as dates to volunteer on. The time is 9:00am until noon. Only two volunteers will be necessary, and they will only be directing the traffic around to the drop off site. Mitch Goldblatt and Susan Wineland said they will be available for the July date and Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop and Patrick Legault will be available for the October date.

HRRRA Meeting, Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:30AM: Their next meeting on this date will contain further information on glass recycling efforts if anybody is available to attend.

Shredding Day October-9, 2021: This event is all set and is being promoted on our website to give advance notice to the town residents.

Proposed Expanded Bottle Bill-SB1037 Update: Bill No. 1037 was passed and signed into law by the governor. However, increasing the bottle deposit from 5 to 10 cents will be delayed until 2024. Also, the bill allows the beverage industry to take over most of the unclaimed deposits which can conflict with them adding more redemption centers. Nips were added as a 5 cents tax rather than a deposit with the town getting the revenue from their stores selling them.

Glass Recycling Efforts: Jennifer Heaton Jones recently presented this program to the Council of Governments. There has been no additional update on where this stands regarding the Town of Orange looking to possibly participate in it.

Tour of Oak Ridge Recycling Plant: The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee can go forward at any time. Committee members have chosen October 30, 2021, as the best date for everybody. Mitch Goldblatt will reach out to confirm this with his contact at the facility.

Orange Country Fair September 18 & 19, 2021: Mark Moyher will reach out to Nadine Gilbert to see if we can continue our traditional donut giveaway to children who participate in our recycling educational game. We are still exploring what type of giveaway we would like to hand out to the public at the Fair and our next Shredding Day event. A wooden ruler and mid-size recyclable shopping bag were two possible items under consideration.

Other Old Business: Home Depot has still not committed about installing a permanent shed at the Transfer Station for our plastic bags. We have decided to wait a couple months before contacting them again to see if we can get this done.

New Business:

Signage at Transfer Station: The sign for the Plastic Bags needs to be installed on the new shed. Loretta Smith will reach out to her person to see if they will do the job.

Other New Business: Battery Plus will take long fluorescent lights back for 50 cents each as well as other lights/batteries for varying charges. Haz Waste is another option to dispose of these items for no charge.

Next Meeting July 21, 2021: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Chris Prokop, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary