

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
 Approved MINUTES  
 Wednesday, July 19, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday July 19, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Wendy Novick, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, and Lora Wu.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Mark Moyher made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of June 21, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** There were no expenses paid during the last month. We are due to receive an annual stipend of \$1,800 for the next fiscal year to be posted by next month. We are waiting to receive a bill from Tad to pay for his labor in fixing the Rack 'N Pak shed door for us.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

7/19/2023


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	(\$600.00)	(\$323.15)
Rotary Club Reimbursement	\$600.00	\$276.85
Orange Country Fair Booth	(\$135.00)	\$141.85

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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	72.78	-0.2%
June	75.58	66.17	-12.5%
July	70.71		
August	64.23		
September	74.96		
October	65.94		
November	76.12		
December	72.45		
YTD Total	423.01	382.79	-9.5%

**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	306	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.60	May	759	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.64
Jun	403	\$ 0.0575	\$ 23.17	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	2163		\$ 124.37	Total	6240		\$ 358.79

**Old Business:**

**Haz Waste Central at Regional Water Authority:** We will provide two Orange Recycling Committee members to volunteer on site at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Saturday July 15, 2023 - Chris Prokop and Loretta Smith completed their volunteering and reported back that it was a quiet day and there were no problems during their shift.

Saturday October 21, 2023 we have Patrick Legault and Mark Moyher as volunteers.

**Next Shredding Day in October:** Saturday October 7, 2023 is our next Shredding Day. Unfortunately Bye-Bye Mattress is unable to attend the event, but the Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange groups will be on-site.

#### **New Business:**

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

**EZ Bottle Return, 392 Boston Post Road:** Mitch Goldblatt reported this new store opened recently to collect cans and bottles. Glass should be put and delivered in a cardboard box and you just need to tell them the number of bottles you have. Cans and plastic bottles have to be separated, but they get dumped on a conveyor belt which moves very quickly. Once everything is counted an attendant will come out and pay you cash at the complete five cents per can/bottle you returned.

**Orange Recycling Committee Giveaways:** Ilene Moyher will come up with a 4x6 magnet design by our August meeting so they can be ordered in time for the Orange Country Fair. The design should include a QR code to bring you to the [www.Recyclect.com](http://www.Recyclect.com) website to search their "what's in, what's out" section on items that determine if they can be recycled or must be added to waste. The cost to order 500 magnets is \$370 including shipping and rounded corners were suggested over straight corners for a nicer look.

#### **Other New Business:**

**Simple Recycling:** Chris Prokop reached out to Simple Recycling looking for assistance to better promote the bin currently located at High Plains Community Center. The goal is to possibly get some signs which can easily direct residents to its location. Another option is to see if they might be willing to add another bin at a too be determined location and make sure it gets picked up regularly. Chris will report back once he some options from the company.

**Newspaper Articles:** Loretta Smith informed the Committee she would like to stop writing the monthly recycling tip articles for the Milford-Orange Times. Susan Wineland will take over writing the articles until further notice. Loretta was thanked for her years of service in this endeavor.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM after a motion by Lora Wu, seconded by Ilene Moyher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher

Secretary