

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
 Draft MINUTES
 Wednesday, November 15, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday November 15, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

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

Public Input: Linda Cortright attended the meeting to learn about our committee and the food scraps program we recently started.

Minutes Approval: Chris Prokop made a motion and Mark Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of October 4, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: We had no activity this past month although the reimbursement check from the Rotary Club for Shredding Day was recently submitted so we are just waiting for it to post to our account.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

11/15/2023

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
Town of Orange	\$1,800.00	\$1,941.85
Barker Specialty – Magnets	(\$370.00)	\$1,571.85
Affordable Solutions	(\$675.00)	\$896.85
Cookies/Candy for Fair	(\$92.20)	\$804.65

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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	62.33	-11.9%
August	64.23	70.14	9.2%
September	74.96	64.05	-14.6%
October	65.94	66.74	1.2%
November	76.12		
December	72.45		
YTD Total	698.85	646.05	-7.6%

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	455	\$0.0575	\$26.16	Jul	456	\$ 0.0575	\$ 26.22
Aug	380	\$0.0575	\$21.85	Aug	450	\$ 0.0575	\$ 25.88
Sep	236	\$0.0575	\$13.69	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	3234		\$ 186.08	Total	6240		\$ 358.79

Old Business:

Shredding Day October 7, 2023: Shredding Day was held on Saturday October 7, 2023, at the HPCC from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The Orange Community Women participated but, Buy Nothing Orange cancelled due to the bad weather that was forecast for the morning. There was a short bout of rain, but most of the time we only had to endure overcast skies. This did not deter too many residents as 9,000 lbs of paper was collected and shredded.

Haz Waste Central at Regional Water Authority: Patrick Legault volunteered on site at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday October 21, 2023.

Food Scrap Program at Transfer Station: This program started on October 9, and there are four green bins located at the top of the Transfer Station between the Goodwill and Tires trailers. Residents can dump their scraps right from a container into the bins or collect them in plastic bags to dispose of them. An article has been put in the newspaper, flyers were handed out and the Orange Recycling website is promoting the program.

Replacing and Adding Transfer Station Signs: Steve Selby, of FastSigns, recently gave us a proposal to add a new directory sign to replace the oil sign on the big board you see before entering the Transfer Station. In addition, the proposal includes two new signs for Food Scraps, one a station sign and the other a “what’s in, what’s out” sign. We are also replacing the Metal and Propane Tanks Station and Building Materials Station signs that were damaged or missing. The total cost was \$665.95 for these five signs and installation of the directory sign. Mark Moyher made a motion to approve this invoice which was seconded by Lora Wu. It carried unanimously. Public Works will be installing the four signs that will be located in the Transfer Station.

New Business:

Next Shredding and HazWaste Day – April 27, 2024: We have scheduled this Saturday for our next Shredding and HazWaste Day. In addition, Bye-Bye Mattress, Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange will also be participating with us. We have discussed the possibility of adding Electronics Recycling to the program, but we want to invite Joe Johnson, from Affordable Solutions, to come to a meeting to give us the details on the cost and how he expects it to work before we decide to go forward with it.

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

Other New Business:

Bulletin Board Maintenance at High Plains Community Center: Mitch Goldblatt pointed out that we have our own bulletin board in the High Plains Community Center and was looking for a volunteer to freshen it up and maintain it with fresh articles, flyers and news clippings to make it relevant to residents. Lora Wu stepped up and said she would be glad to take care of this for the committee.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 7:00PM

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM after a motion by Wendy Novick, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher

Secretary