

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
January 16, 2019

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on January 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Wendy Novick, Chris Prokop and Karen Della-Giustina

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Chris Prokop made a motion and Wendy Novick seconded to approve the minutes of December 18, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** We made the final payment to Fast Signs for completion of the signage project at the Transfer Station.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

| 01/16/2019                    | 1-056-890-90-956-50 |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                               | <b>2018</b>         |                     |
| <b>Balance Forward</b>        |                     | <b>(\$1,743.87)</b> |
| Vent Plastic Bags             | (\$65.44)           | (\$1,809.31)        |
| ST CT DEEP Reimbursement      | \$3,626.22          | \$1,816.91          |
| Affordable Solutions          | (\$475.00)          | \$1,341.91          |
| Reimbursement – Rotary        | \$475.00            | \$1,816.91          |
| Barker Specialty (Chip Clips) | (\$790.72)          | \$1,026.19          |
| Ilene R. Moyher (Website)     | (\$346.71)          | \$679.48            |
| Vent Plastic Bags             | (\$204.56)          | \$474.92            |
| Orange County Fair            | (\$135.00)          | \$339.92            |
| Town of Orange                | \$1,645.00          | \$1,984.92          |
| Donuts County Fair            | (\$87.25)           | \$1,897.67          |
| Affordable Solutions          | (\$475.00)          | \$1,422.67          |
| Reimbursement – Rotary        | \$475.00            | \$1,897.67          |
| Vent Plastic Bags             | (\$204.49)          | \$1,693.18          |
| Fast Signs (Deposit)          | (\$2,925.94)        | (\$1,232.76)        |
| Fast Signs (Final Payment)    | (\$3,450.94)        | (\$4,683.70)        |

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### Residential Recycling Rates:

| MONTH     | 2017    | 2018    | DELTA  |
|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
| January   | 84.88   | 92.71   | 9.2%   |
| February  | 70.68   | 78.26   | 10.7%  |
| March     | 84.39   | 77.26   | -8.4%  |
| April     | 75.14   | 77.20   | 2.7%   |
| May       | 93.96   | 97.21   | 3.5%   |
| June      | 88.50   | 85.46   | -3.4%  |
| July      | 84.68   | 77.82   | -8.1%  |
| August    | 86.47   | 88.71   | 2.6%   |
| September | 81.31   | 68.54   | -15.7% |
| October   | 89.26   | 90.08   | 0.9%   |
| November  | 93.64   | 91.76   | -2.0%  |
| December  | 81.89   | 81.85   | 0.00%  |
| YTD Total | 1014.80 | 1006.86 | -0.8%  |

### Old Business:

**Transfer Station Signage:** The signage at the Transfer Station is now complete, ending a yearlong journey to see this project come to fruition. Steve Selby did a great job handling all the comments, suggestions and changes we threw at him to get the final designs done so everything would be finished on time. The Committee coordinated a group photo to commemorate this task and everybody was able to attend. Comments from regular visitors to the Transfer Station have been very positive about the addition of the new signs.

**Carton Recycling in the Elementary Schools:** The Carton Council has a program in place to divert milk and juice cartons from the trash into the recycling stream. Mary-Jo Sierakowski said grants are available on a match basis up to \$5,000 for schools willing to undergo this program. Mary-Jo is going to continue to explore things further to see if we can get any schools to come onboard.

### New Business:

**Shredding Day with the Rotary Club:** We were able to coordinate Saturday April 27, 2019 as our first shredding day for next year. We will be continuing the mattress collection and will have the Orange Community Woman at the event. Articles and posts will follow as the date draws nearer. It will take place at the Community Center from 9:00am to noon.

**HazWaste Days:** We will provide volunteers on Saturday, June 29, 2019 and Saturday, October 5, 2019 for this event. Mitch, Loretta and Mark have signed up for the June date and Mary-Jo, Chris and Wendy are available for the October date at this time. It will take place at the Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00am to noon.

**Stickers for Residential Bins:** We would like to explore the ability to adhere stickers to the tops of the residential recycle bins informing people plastics bags are prohibited from being put in the bins. Chris Prokop made a motion to pursue an avenue to accomplish this and Karen Della-Giustina seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously. Wendy Novick will contact Bob Britton to see if the town would grant permission before we discuss the next steps.

**Phone Books Opt-out Yellowpagesoptout.com:** At the next meeting, we will discuss whether we should continue Facebook posts or add this to the website to encourage residents to participate in this to reduce the amount of wasted paper that is printed and thrown away due to little need of this product to many people nowadays.

**Tom George's Letter:** Tom has written a letter to Connecticut's new Governor, Ned Lamont, trying to get the state to follow the lead of Governor Andrew Cuomo who has recently introduced a bill in New York to ban single use plastic bags used primarily by restaurants and shopping stores. Tom would happy to join a commission to further this cause if Gov. Lamont was to start one.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Karen Della-Giustina and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary