

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
February 27, 2019

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on February 27, 2019. The special meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Ilene Moyher, Stepanie Jatlow, Mary Jo Sierakowski and Karen Della-Giustina

**Public Input:** Sylvie Napoli was on hand to go over and explain the recent contaminated recyclables load that Oakridge kicked out. We pay more for contaminated loads, per ton, than just a recyclable load so it furthers our need to promote no plastic bags allowed in the blue bins. City Carting is trying to assist that effort by not picking up bins where plastic bags are included. Sylvie has been handling phone calls from residents whose bins were not collected to instruct them what they need to do in order to be included the following week. Sylvie has also posted this rule to various web pages, has a banner running on OGAT and a small article was in the last Orange News reminding people to keep plastic bags out of their blue bins.

**Minutes Approval:** Mary Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of January 19, 2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** We received the final State reimbursement on our grant, thereby spending all \$10,000 we were given to improve the towns overall recycling image. We ordered new recycle bins for use at public events and put up new signage at the Transfer Station to better guide and educate the residents of what goes where and help direct them to the correct stations to dispose of their waste and recyclables properly.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

02/19/2019		1-056-890-90-956-50
	<b>2018</b>	
Balance Forward		(\$4,683.70)
	<b>2019</b>	
ST CT DEEP Reimbursement	\$6,373.78	\$1,690.08

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**Residential Recycling Rates:**

MONTH	2018	2019	DELTA
January	92.71	89.67	-3.3%
February	78.26		
March	77.26		
April	77.20		
May	97.21		
June	85.46		
July	77.82		
August	88.71		
September	68.54		
October	90.08		
November	91.76		
December	81.85		
YTD Total	92.71	89.67	-3.3%

**Plastic Bag Issue and Stickers for Residential Bins:** After much discussion, the committee is putting on hold the idea of printing stickers and trying to affix them to the existing residential blue bins. An alternative option might be to affix them on all new bins that residents request.

**Old Business:**

**Transfer Station Signage:** The signage at the Transfer Station is now complete and the recycling committee has received positive comments by the residents that they look great and are informative.

**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 has decided not to pursue further at this time, as the feedback, from various principals, is they have concerns that will need further reviews before they might consider it a worthwhile program.

## **New Business:**

**After School Program:** Mary Jo Sierakowski would like to put together a presentation to show the effects of plastic bags on our environment and promote how important it is to not use them and how to properly dispose of them. Another item would be to have environmental clubs created so children can discuss and understand the role recycling plays in helping keep the world clean.

**Shredding Day with the Rotary Club:** We will hold our first shredding day on Saturday April 27, 2019. Mitch Goldblatt has sent out press releases to remind everybody of this date. We will continue the mattress collection and the Orange Community Woman will be on hand to collect items for donating. 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, Stephanie, Loretta and Mark have signed up for the June date and Mary-Jo, Chris and Wendy are available for the October date. It will take place at the Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00am to noon.

**Orange Business Expo:** Will be taking place on Wednesday June 5, 2019 from 11 am – 4 pm at its new location, University of New Haven – 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven. Stephanie Jatlow, Mitch Goldblatt and Chris Prokop will be volunteering at the table throughout the day. Mary Jo Sierakowski has been asked to help design the layout of the table for this event. We are leaning towards stickers with “No Plastic Bags” being designed as the gift giveaway for people as a reminder not to toss them into their blue recycle bins.

**Plastic Bag Ban-Potential Town Ordinance:** Mark Moyher made a motion and Karen Della-Giustina seconded that the recycling committee would back any plastic bag ban if presented at the State level. It was approved unanimously. We will continue to discuss whether trying to have a town ordinance is something we want to pursue at some near time.

**Other New Business:** Mitch Goldblatt presented a great idea as he was watching a webinar the other day. Simple Recycling is a company offering a service to collect textiles and small household items free of charge to municipalities and residents. The Town will earn money for every ton collected and, in turn, it would help reduce disposal costs on these items by reducing our tonnage waste. The pickup days would take place on current recycling days and routes. Karen Della-Giustina made a motion and Mary Jo Sierakowski seconded to have Mitch Goldblatt bring this before the Board of Selectmen for approval at their next meeting. It passed unanimously.

**May 2019 Meeting Date Change:** Mary Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Mark Moyher seconded to change our May meeting to May 9 due to a scheduling conflict of another Town meeting taking place at our regularly scheduled date. It was approved unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Ilene Moyher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary