

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
March 20, 2019

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on March 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Stephanie Jatlow, Mary Jo Sierakowski, Loretta Smith and Karen Della-Giustina

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Mary Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There was no financial activity since the last meeting

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	03/20/2019	1-056-890-90-956-50
	2018	
Balance Forward		(\$4,683.70)
	2019	
ST CT DEEP Reimbursement	\$6,373.78	\$1,690.08

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2018	2019	DELTA
January	92.71	89.67	-3.3%
February	78.26	62.45	-20.2%
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	170.97	152.12	-11.0%

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Plastic Bag Issue and Stickers for Residential Bins: The recycling committee will order 500 stickers from Barker Specialty that will read “NO plastic bags allowed in bins” at a cost of \$1.89 per sticker. Mark Moyher made a motion to approve this expenditure and Karen Della-Giustina seconded it. It was approved unanimously. The stickers will be available at the Shredding Day event, the Business Expo, and the Country Fair. Some of the stickers will also be provided to Sylvie Napoli in Public Works, to put on new bins and possibly hand out to residents who would like to request one on their own.

Old Business:

After School Program: Mary Jo Sierakowski is looking into dates 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 is to create environmental clubs so children can discuss and understand the role recycling plays in helping keep the world clean. Recently all the schools eliminated plastic straws and replaced them with paper straws.

Julie McGovern email response: Mitch Goldblatt said he was not able to find any emails from Julie. However, once he received and read them he wrote her back that he appreciated her ideas and suggestions.

Plastic Bag Ban-Statewide Bill and Testimony: Mitch Goldblatt submitted written testimony in support of Raised Bill 1003, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS. Mitch indicated, in addition to himself, the Orange Recycling Committee supported this and that we have been hard at work trying to educate our town residents about the proper disposal of plastic bags. Connecticut State Senator James Maroney (Orange, Milford) and State Representative Dorinda Borer (West Haven) acknowledged Mitch’s testimony.

Simple Recycling/Waste Zero Textile Curbside Recycling: Mitch Goldblatt presented this program at the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting for approval to include the Town of Orange. It passed unanimously. We are reviewing all the details to see if any changes are required to the contract before signing it and putting the town in position to be included along with several other towns, to the next implementation by Simple Recycling. We then need to work out the details of mailing or sending inserts to the residents alerting them to this new program and instruct them how they can participate in it.

New Business:

Plantings for Transfer Station - Garden Club: The Garden Club has indicated an interest in this, but they are currently unsure if they have the time to add this project to their list. If they are unable to do this, we will approach the Public Works Department to see what they are willing to do.

Shredding Day with the Rotary Club: We will hold the year's 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 site to collect items for donating. It will take place at the High Plains 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. They asked Mary Jo Sierakowski if she could help with the design of the layout of the table for this event. We will have our Residential Bin stickers available to pass out to those residents who stop by the booth and request one.

Other New Business:

Rack N Pac: We have gone through nearly three cases (60 bags per case) in just over 3 months at the Transfer Station. We believe the attendants are not staying on top of this and packing the bags down to expand the space availability of each bag, but without an assigned monitor, we have to reorder the bags sooner than anticipated. Mark Moyher made a motion to purchase another three cases and Loretta Smith seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

New Banner: Ilene recently got a quote from Fastsigns to replace the Orange Recycling Banner we use at many events, including the Country Fair. It will be vinyl, 3' by 8' and our cost is \$221. Ilene and Mitch will work out the final design before passing it on to be completed. Loretta Smith made a motion to approve this purchase and Chris Prokop seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

SMART(PAYT) Program: Mitch Goldblatt listened to a webinar on this topic and informed of us it's concept. PAYT (Pay-As-You-Throw) is a Unit Based Pricing method of charging for trash disposal based on the amount you throw out. Their goal is to incentivize people to reduce waste by composting and recycling so you have more efficiency and less waste. This then reduces your costs to throw out your trash. It is currently not something we would be looking to implement in our town, but just to keep in mind and use to educate people.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM after a motion by Mary-Jo Sierakowski, seconded by Stephanie Jatlow and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary