

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
April 17, 2019

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on April 17, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Stephanie Jatlow and Mary Jo Sierakowski

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Mary Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Mark Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.


Financial Update: We recently ordered Vent Plastic Bags for the Transfer Station

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	04/17/2019		
		1-056-890-90-956-50	
		2018	
Balance Forward			(\$4,683.70)
		2019	
ST CT DEEP Reimbursement		\$6,373.78	\$1,690.08
Vent Plastic Bags		(\$187.93)	\$1,502.15

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2018	2019	DELTA
January	92.71	89.67	-3.3%
February	78.26	62.45	-20.2%
March	77.26	68.34	-11.5%
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		


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 RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

YTD Total	248.23	220.46	-11.2%
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Old Business:

Stickers for Residential Bins: The recycling committee ordered 500 stickers from Barker Specialty at a cost of \$1.89 per sticker. They should arrive in time to be available for distribution at the Shredding Day event on 4/27/2019. We will have a blue bin on site with a sticker on it to show and encourage people to take one and put it on their own bin.

New Recycling Banner: Steve Selby, at Fastsigns, has completed our recent order to create a new vinyl Orange Recycling Banner that we use at all our events. It will be picked up and make its first appearance at the Shredding Day event on April 27, 2019.

After School Program: We would like to create a presentation to show the effects of plastic bags on the environment, promote how important it is not to use them and how to properly dispose of them, but it has not progressed very far yet so it will be pushed back and reviewed again as time permits.

Plastic Bag Ban and Smoke Detector Recycling-Statewide Bill: Connecticut State Representative Kathy Kennedy recently supported a proposal to properly recycle and dispose of radioactive smoke detectors. She informed us that this and the plastic bag ban bill is still being discussed in the committee so we have no news yet on how this will go, but we offer our complete support.

Simple Recycling/Waste Zero Textile Curbside Recycling: The contract was recently signed and sent back to Simple Recycling. The Town of Orange will now participate in this program along with several other local towns. We will explore adding an insert to the mailing to highlight a "What's In, What's Out" flyer for our blue bins.

Plantings for the Transfer Station Signs-Garden Club: We approached the Garden Club to see if they had any interest and time to plant some flowers around the new signs we added at the Transfer Station. They are interested, but there are still some details to discuss concerning the types of plantings, prep work, and ongoing maintenance needs like watering, weeding and pruning as well as what the budget will be and who will be providing the funds for the project. Mitch will reach back out to come up with a plan and review it once we have a better understanding of the costs and time needed to accomplish this.

New Business:

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 and Chris Prokop will be putting up signs around town on Monday April 22 as a further reminder. 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. We will be passing out our Residential Bin stickers out to those residents who stop by the booth and request one.

Recycling Forum-What's In, What's Out: The recycling committee will continue to explore if we can find the right people and time to put this together

Other New Business:

Retirement: Mary-Jo Sierakowski is retiring from her job with the Orange Board of Education, which unfortunately, also means she will be leaving the Orange Recycling Committee. It looks like June 2019 will be Mary-Jo's final meeting. We will start to look for her replacement immediately. We will not be able to thank Mary-Jo enough for all her hard work and dedication over the years. She leaves us with some very big shoes to fill.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2019 (Special Meeting)

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM after a motion by Chris Prokop, seconded by Stephanie Jatlow and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary