

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
June 19, 2019

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on June 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Ilene Moyher, Wendy Novick and Mary Jo Sierakowski

Public Input: Amy O’Connell attended as a member of the public. Amy is interested in becoming a member of the Orange Recycling Committee as a replacement for Mary Jo Sierakowski.

Appreciation: We all deeply thank Mary Jo Sierakowski for her hard work and dedication as a member of the Orange Recycling Committee. Sadly, she has resigned and will be moving out of state. Mary Jo will be missed dearly for everything, but especially for the extraordinary effort put into running our booth at the Orange Country Fair every year.

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Mary Jo Sierakowski seconded to approve the minutes of May 9, 2019. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: We received the \$475 reimbursement from the Orange Rotary Club for our Shredding Day that recently took place on April 27, 2019.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	06/17/2019	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
Affordable Solutions	(\$475.00)	\$1,027.15
Fast Designs (New Banner)	(\$221.00)	\$806.15
Barker Specialty (Bin Stickers)	(\$945.00)	(\$138.85)
Reimbursement – Rotary	\$475.00	\$336.15

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 RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

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	81.21	5.2%
May	97.21	88.51	-8.9%
June	85.46		
July	77.82		
August	88.71		
September	68.54		
October	90.08		
November	91.76		
December	81.85		
YTD Total	422.64	390.18	-7.7%

Old Business:

Simple Recycling/Waste Zero Textile Curbside Recycling: The target date for the roll out is the week of July 15, 2019. Mailings should go out approximately two weeks before to alert and educate residents on this service and inform them how the pink bags will be collected and replenished.

Plantings for the Transfer Station Signs: After several discussions, it looks like the Garden Club will no longer participate in the plantings at the Transfer Station. First Selectman Jim Zeoli has indicated that the Town will take over the planting and maintenance in front of both signs at some point in the near future.

Orange Business and Community Expo: Chris Prokop and Mitch Goldblatt were present for the June 5, 2019 event and worked the ORC table. Unfortunately, with the change in venue, the attendance was down relative to some past years. Mitch spoke with the Sustainability Director of the University of New Haven and the Director of Youth Services for the Town of Orange. They were impressed with our Committee and said they were interested in exploring the possibility of doing some collaborative events with us.

Recycling Forum - What's In, What's Out Event June 10, 2019: Sherill Baldwin, Sustainable Manager, at the CT DEEP recently spoke to our residents at the Case Memorial Library to inform us on this topic. It was well attended by more than 40 residents and was taped for rebroadcast on OGAT. There were many excellent questions and Sherill answered every one of them for us. Thanks to everybody who showed up to support this event and maybe we can generate more events like this in the future.

Smoke Detector Recycling: State Representative Kathy Kennedy stopped by our Committee meeting several months ago to inform us she is supporting a bill to recycle smoke detectors in the state. We are waiting to see if it passes and could possibly incorporate it as part of our Shredding Day event to aid in this effort.

New Business:

Shredding Day with the Rotary Club: We will hold our second shredding day on Saturday October 19, 2019. The Lions club, due to a prior commitment, will not offer their mattress pick up. We will speak with Ken Lenz to see if there is an alternative source to pick them up. The Orange Community Women will once again be on site to collect donations It will take place at the High Plains Community Center from 9:00am to noon.

HazWaste Days: We will provide people on Saturday, June 29, 2019 and Saturday, October 5, 2019 for this event. Mitch Goldblatt, Loretta Smith and volunteer Evan Hollander will be present for the June date and Chris Prokop and Mark Moyher are currently 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 Recycling Committee Responsibilities Draft: Mitch Goldblatt drafted a document to outline becoming a member of the Committee and list the responsibilities that all members are expected to follow in order to fulfill their obligations. Mark Moyher made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to make this draft an official document. It was approved unanimously.

Orange Country Fair: The Town Fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 21 and Sunday September 22, 2019 at the Orange Fairgrounds. The Orange Recycling Committee will once again have a table and be on hand to promote recycling in our town and the entire state. Further details will follow once we discuss it more in depth at our next meeting. We will be looking for all members to assist at some point during these two days if they are available.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM after a motion by Chris Prokop, seconded by Mary Jo Sierakowski and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary