

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
June 20, 2018

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on June 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Chris Prokop, Stephanie Jatlow, Mark Moyher and Mary-Jo Sierakowski.


**Public Input:** Pat Legault, Wendy Novick and Lauren Sepowitz attended the meeting since they may be interested, along with Al Post who was not present, in filling the vacancy left by Tom George's resignation. Mitch will speak with each of them and then present names of those interested to First Selectman Jim Zeoli who will make the appointment.

**Minutes Approval:** Mary-Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of May 16, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** Tom George has provided his last financial report.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

6/18/2018	1-056-890-90-956-50	
	<b>2017</b>	
<b>Balance Forward</b>		<b>\$ 1,008.25</b>
Recycle Bagging System	\$ (184.35)	\$ 823.90
Otto-Environmental (Bins)	\$ (3,626.22)	\$ (2,802.32)
Fair Reimbursement	\$ 50.00	\$ (2,752.32)
Town of Orange	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (1,152.32)
Barker Specialty (T-Shirts)	\$ (289.80)	\$ (1,442.12)
Plastic Bags	\$ (200.00)	\$ (1,642.12)
Donuts Country Fair	\$ (101.75)	\$ (1,743.87)
	<b>2018</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

  
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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%
YTD Total	409.05	422.64	3.3%

**Old Business:**

**Business Expo:** The event was held on June 6, 2018. Tom, Chris and Mitch volunteered at the recycling table and answered questions. This year’s event was slower than other recent ones. There seemed to be fewer food vendors and they were charging for food instead of doing food tasting as in the past. The daytime scheduling also contributes to exclude people who are unable to attend due to their work hours.

**Town Website:** The new website - [orangerecycles.com](http://orangerecycles.com) launched last month and Ilene Moyher will reach out to Sylvie at Town Hall to ask to have the link added to the town’s website so residents can click on it where they will find all the current information, updates and details to assist them with their recycling needs.

**Discussion of layout and signage at the Transfer Station:** We are still trying to make a decision on where we expect to acquire the icons we need to start the Signage process for the Transfer Station. Mitch met with Bob Brinton and two staff members to inform them of the project and location possibility of the signs. They were in agreement with everything and asked to view the final design before the signs are made so that everybody is comfortable with it before the signs are installed.

**HazWaste Days:** We have volunteers working at the June 30, 2018 and October 6, 2018 collection dates from 9:00am until noon. Mark Moyher, Loretta Smith, Pat Walsh and Mitch Goldblatt will work the June 30 event. Chris Prokop and Tom George are currently signed up for October 6 event, but we will be looking for at least one more volunteer. It will take place at the Regional Water Authority located at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven.

**Orange Country Fair:** The fair is scheduled for September 15-16, 2018. We recently reserved our booth and we will continue our collaboration with Nadine passing coupons out to get free donuts. Over the next couple of months, we will come up with some fun ideas to engage the public and encourage them to keep up their recycling efforts.

**Shredding Day in October with Rotary Club:** This event will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018. It will be our second shredding day this year as it continues to be a big success with the town residents.

**New Business:**

**OVNA and Prescription Drug Collection:** Loretta recently informed us that the OVNA are not able to collect prescription drugs anymore so she spoke with the Orange Police Department to see if they can accept the drugs and dispose of them for the residents like some other town police departments currently do. Mitch updated us that Loretta did a great job and the police, having received some contributions allowing them to secure a container, will be announcing in the near future that they will be open for the public to dispose of their prescription drugs.

**Recycling Costs due to China:** With all the recent news about China suspending imports of recyclables from the U.S. and the toughening of the acceptance level of contaminants in the products we need to be very concerned. Higher costs may make it difficult for most recyclable products to be profitable so some transfer stations might start refusing them, or in some cases, close down altogether. That means they would end up back in our landfills unless domestic or other international demand can replace China.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary