

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
August 15, 2018

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on August 15, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Wendy Novick and Mary-Jo Sierakowski.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Mary-Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Mark Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of July 18, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** We received our appropriation for the upcoming year of \$1,675 giving us a positive balance as of the latest report.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

8/13/2018	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
Town of Orange	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 2,014.92

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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%
June	88.50	85.46	-3.4%
July	84.68	77.82	-8.1%
YTD Total	582.23	585.92	0.6%

### Old Business:

**Town Website:** The new website - [orangerecycles.com](http://orangerecycles.com) is up and running and there is currently nothing new to report at this time.

**Discussion Signage at the Transfer Station:** We have a good handle on the icons we want to use for the Signage at the Transfer Station. Chris has set up Saturday, September 1 with Duke from the sign maintenance company to meet at the Transfer Station 9:00am to tour and discuss options. Mitch, Chris and Ilene have indicated they could attend.

**HazWaste Days:** Chris Prokop, Stephanie Jatlow and Tom George have signed up, with Wendy Novick a possible volunteer, for the October 6 event. It will take place at the Regional Water Authority located at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00am until noon.

**Orange Country Fair:** The fair is scheduled for September 15-16, 2018. We hope to have a recycling bin and the Rack N Pak in the booth for visual aids to help educate the public and answer questions. We will be handing out tickets for free donuts as we have done for the past several years. We will also be passing out our Chip Clips to people stopping by and visiting our table. Mary-Jo is looking to add some information letting people know about the new drug drop-off program that is now at the Orange Police Department.

**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. The Lions Club, The Mattress Council and Orange Community Woman will be on hand once again as they were for the April event.

**Prescription Drug Collection:** The Orange Police Department announced on July 26 that they installed the drop-off bin for the public to dispose properly of unwanted prescription drugs. OrangeLiveCT.com released a brief article on July 28 confirming this. Mitch will contact Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee (ODAAC) chair Joni Nordstrom for more information for our website and Facebook page.

**New Business:**

**Mattress Recycling at the Transfer Station:** There was a recent discussion with Bob Brinton, Director of Public Works, to see about having the Transfer Station set up mattress recycling for the town. Bob indicated that he would consider it and we look forward to any follow up conversations to see what the final decision will be.

**Recycling Bins for the Country Fair:** Mary-Jo informed us that the recycling bins will be put out next to the trash containers for the public to use during the Fair. Mitch said they did a good job at the Rotary Club Lobsterfest and they had enough bins on the grounds to collect the recyclables people had.

**Plastic Bag and Plastic Straw Discussion:** Mitch recently had a “conversation” with Randall Beach, a New Haven Register columnist, going over plastic bags and how they are used and can be recycled properly without having a full ban on retailers carrying them. This was a response to an article Randall wrote in which Mitch followed up on to explain why our recycling committee is not ready to propose such a ban at this time.

**Proposed 2017-2018 Annual Report:** Mark Moyher made a motion and Wendy Novick seconded to approve the Annual Report. The report was approved unanimously.

**China Recycling Restrictions:** With China’s import restrictions on recycling the downside is the cost is going up, in some cases double or more, making it more expensive for towns and states to collect recyclables than regular trash. New York’s governor Cuomo is looking to come up with strategies to respond to this threat and find ways to keep recycling working for the state. New York will continue its efforts to support and expand recycling programs across the state to protect the environment.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, September 12, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM after a motion by Mary-Jo Sierakowski, seconded by Wendy Novick and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary