

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
September 12, 2018

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on September 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Wendy Novick, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Chris Prokop, Stephanie Jatlow and Loretta Smith.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Mary-Jo Sierakowski made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of August 15, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** We had no financial activity the past month.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

9/12/2018	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	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,984.92

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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%
August	86.47	88.71	2.6%
YTD Total	668.70	674.63	0.9%

### Old Business:

**Discussion Signage at the Transfer Station:** Chris, Mitch and Ilene met with Duke from the sign maintenance company on Saturday, September 1, 2018 and were joined part way through by Steve Jaser from the Transfer Station. They had a very productive meeting walking around and determining the layout of the signs. However, it is currently on hold as First Selectmen James Zeoli has some reservations and questions and wants to further review and evaluate the project. As soon as we get the okay for the signs, we will need to work up a proposal and put it out for bids to several companies.

**Mattress Recycling at the Transfer Station:** Mitch had conversations with Bob Brinton, Director of Public Works, to add this for recycling option for the town residents. As of now, there are no plans to move forward on this item so residents will continue to dispose of them in the hopper.

**HazWaste Days:** Chris Prokop, Stephanie Jatlow, Wendy Novick and Tom George will 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 will have the Rack N Pak in the booth for visual aid. We will be handing out tickets for free donuts as we have done for the past several years. Shop-Rite once again came through with 100 bags to give out to promote bringing your own shopping bags to stores and avoid the usage of plastic bags. The Chip Clips will be handed out to people who stop by and visit our table along with stickers for children. Mary-Jo will have a display on hand informing people about the new drug drop-off program that is now available at the Orange Police Department. We are also participating in the scavenger hunt run by the Orange Community

Women as we provided an answer to one of the 10 questions they will be asking people. Recycling Bins will be provided side-by-side with the Trash Bins according to everybody involved.

**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, Mattress people and Orange Community Woman will be on hand once again as they were for the April event. Chris and Loretta will put up signs Sunday October 7, 2018 to advertise it around town.

**Prescription Drug Collection:** The Orange Police Department is now collecting unwanted prescription drugs. We have put this information on our website and Facebook page.

**New Business:**

**China Recycling Restrictions:** With China's import restrictions on recycling, the waste is starting to pile up as towns and states are struggling to find new ways to move them through the United States. As costs to recycle rise, some states like Michigan, are moving from a single stream to a dual stream recycling system to sort out the paper separately from other products as that is currently the most valuable and profitable item. Since China is unlikely to lift the ban in place, we all need to find solutions to make all our recyclable material less costly and more profitable so we can keep our environment clean.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM after a motion by Loretta Smith, seconded by Stephanie Jatlow and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary