

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
October 17, 2018**

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on October 17, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Wendy Novick, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Chris Prokop, and Karen Della-Giustina.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Chris Prokop made a motion and Karen Della-Giustina seconded to approve the minutes of September 12, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: The following does not include the check from Rotary for \$475 to cover the cost of the Shred Truck, which was given to Mitch tonight. Mary-Jo will bring to town for deposit.

2018		
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 Country Fair	(\$135.00)	\$339.92
Town of Orange	\$1,645.00	\$1,984.92
Donuts Country Fair	(\$87.25)	\$1,897.67
Affordable Solutions	(\$475.00)	\$1,422.67

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%
Sept	81.31	68.54	-15.7%
YTD	750.01	743.17	-0.9%

Mitch Goldblatt
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 RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

Old Business

Discussion Signage at the Transfer Station: On October 8, 2018, Mitch sent out four Request for Proposals (RFPs) for this project with definitive timelines and photos. He followed up with each and encouraged them to visit the Transfer Station and direct any questions to him. As of tonight, two vendors have declined to bid. The other two vendors must have bids in by due date of 3:00 PM Friday, October 26, 2018.

Because the state Grant money must be spent by December 31, 2018, Mitch formed a subcommittee to focus on this project. Members are Mitch, Mark, Chris and Mary-Jo.

Subcommittee's goal is to have project ready for presentation for the November 14, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting.

HazWaste Days: Committee members Wendy Novick, Chris Prokop, and Patrick Legault, a new volunteer, volunteered for the October 6 event. All went smoothly.

Shred Day: Saturday, October 13 was the seventh Shred Day event at High Plains Community Center sponsored by the Rotary Club. At the same time, the Orange Community Women had a FUNDrive for Clothes and Household items under the pavilion. Despite the rainy conditions, 17 mattresses were collected to be recycled through the Bye Bye Mattress Program. All cardboard was broken down and plastic bags collected and brought to transfer station and recycled. Affordable Solutions was the on-site shredding service and owner, Joe Johnston, estimated that he shredded about 8.1 tons of paper that morning. Mitch thanked Mary-Jo, Chris, Stephanie, Evan Hollander and Patrick Legault for helping.

Already looking to set next Shred Day. Rotary will get back to Mitch for possible dates in April or May.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

2019 Meeting Calendar: Mitch proposed meetings for 2019. Committee agreed that the third Wednesday at 7:00 is a good time slot. The calendar was presented and a motion was made by Chris Prokop and seconded by Karen Della-Giustina to approve the calendar. The 2019 Calendar was unanimously approved.

Carton Recycling in the Elementary Schools: Mary-Jo will look into this further and report back at next meeting.

China and New Recycling Thoughts:

Short discussion on this continuing issue. City Carting recently shared with Mitch that they felt that it would turn around.

New Haven Environmental Council Article: Mitch circulated an article in the *Yale Daily News* on the New Haven Environmental Council, which Stephanie shared earlier with Mitch.

Facebook Activity: Mitch talked about the recent activity on Facebook.

November Meeting Date: The next scheduled meeting date is November 21, 2018, however it is the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. Mitch suggested we move the meeting to November 8, 7:00. This will be a Special Meeting. Motion made by Wendy Novick and Chris Prokop seconded, and unanimously approved. This will be the meeting prior to the Selectmen meeting on November 14, 2018.

Other New Business: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM after a motion by Wendy Novick, seconded by Karen Della-Giustina and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jo Sierakowski
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Vice Chairman