

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
October 21, 2020

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on October 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Karen Della-Giustina, Patrick Legault, Loretta Smith and Wendy Novick. Non-members who also attended – Chris Kelly (OGAT) who was live streaming the meeting on our behalf.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Chris Prokop made a motion and Loretta Smith seconded to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There were several bills paid this past month for shredding day, Rack N Pac plastic bags and new signage at the Transfer Station. We were also credited our yearly stipend to the budget. Wendy Novick made a motion and Patrick Legault seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. It was approved unanimously.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

	10/15/2020	1-056-890-90-956-50
	2019	
Balance Forward		\$1,720.94
	2020	
Ilene Moyher (Website)	(\$328.46)	\$1,392.48
Town of Orange	\$1,700.00	\$3,092.48
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$186.60)	\$2,905.88
FastSigns	(\$77.00)	\$2,828.88
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)	\$2,278.88

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Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2019	2020	DELTA
January	89.67	89.29	-0.4%
February	62.45	66.18	6.0%
March	68.34	80.90	18.4%
April	81.21	84.97	4.6%

May	88.51	80.87	-8.6%
June	76.73	86.13	12.3%
July	82.54	89.38	8.3%
August	76.48	72.26	-5.5%
September	71.65	82.31	14.9%
October	82.81		
November	79.09		
December	77.95		
YTD Total	697.58	732.29	5.0%

Old Business:

Simple Recycling: Simple Recycling is now open at the Transfer Station and Ilene will advertise this on Facebook so the residents are fully aware that they can bring their goods and textiles to the trailer. The High Plains Community Center will be getting a drop box from Simple Recycling very shortly and it will be located, in the back, near the pool situated next to the other recycle and trash bins that are back there. Once the drop box is in place a picture of it will be taken. We will then advertise it on Facebook and in the Milford-Orange Times and Orange Live informing the residents where they can drop off their textiles and home goods. The Board of Education recently voted not to add drop boxes at the schools as they had some concerns. We hope they will reconsider once the threats of COVID have gone away or been greatly reduced. Loretta Smith has contacted places of worship to see if they would want a drop box. While several have said no, a few might still be interested. Loretta will be responding to questions they have asked before making their decisions.

Signage at the Transfer Station: Mark Moyher made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to pay \$866.50 for several new recycling signs and a banner made by FastSigns to put on the Simple Recycling trailer at the top of the Transfer Station. It was approved unanimously. FastSigns will be responsible for putting up the new signs and Simple Recycling will be installing their own banner on the trailer once it has been delivered to the Transfer Station.

Shredding Day: We held our shredding day on Saturday October 17, 2020. It was very successful and over 15,000 pounds of paper documents was shredded. Bye Bye Mattress was on hand once again and collected 27 mattresses. The Lions Club helped pick up 14 of those mattresses from our residents at a \$10 fee for doing so. Everybody worked very hard. We really appreciate the support given to us by the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and all the residents who came out on a beautiful weather day to bring their papers to shred. Special thanks to ex-committee members Tom George and John Brown as well as our volunteer Catie Clark who worked with the rest of us throughout the event.

Tour of Winter Brothers Recycling Plant: Mitch Goldblatt reached out to this facility, located in Shelton, CT putting together a tour for the Orange Recycling Committee members. We are still on hold at this time.

Other Old Business – Rack N Pac Shed: Chris Prokop will reach out to Home Depot again to get a status report from them for giving us a permanent shed for the Rack N Pac station to replace the temporary one they donated to us earlier this year. We hope to get a response to share at our next committee meeting.

New Business:

Shredding Day - 2021 : Saturday, April 10, 2021 is available to all parties to hold the town's next Shredding Day event and committee members had no objections. We will be looking to continue with the guidelines we installed for this past event. That is to keep the people inside their vehicles and open the trunk for us to remove their bags, boxes and bins of paper documents they want shredded. In addition, we will advertise to encourage residents to put the documents in containers and bags that we can recycle rather than return to them. This will cut down on the wait time when busy and prevent a back up of cars trying to pass through. Chris Prokop suggested that we start using the van to store boxes for off-site shredding before the truck is full so we can accommodate everybody and not turn people away before the end of the event. We will discuss this further as we would need each person's understanding and permission to do so. Ilene Moyher suggested making a sandwich style board to contain Orange Recycling Committee information on it for people to see and to have it used at this and all others events held throughout the year.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM after a motion by Patrick Legault, seconded by Loretta Smith and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary