

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
December 16, 2020

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with the use of Zoom Meetings on December 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.


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

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Mark Moyher made a motion and Karen Della-Giustina seconded to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** There was no financial activity in the past month

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT		
12/16/2020	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
Reimbursement – Rotary Club	\$550.00	\$2,828.88
FastSigns	(\$866.50)	\$1,962.38

  
 Mitch Goldblatt  
 TOWN CLERK  
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 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
 RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

**Signage at the Transfer Station:** FastSigns made a new recycling sign for the Cardboard area that had been damaged. Karen Della-Giustina made a motion and Loretta Smith seconded to approve the invoice (\$54.94) for the new sign. It was carried unanimously.

**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	70.40	-15.0%
November	79.09	87.92	11.2%
December	77.95		
YTD Total	859.48	890.61	3.6%

**Simple Recycling  
Textile Rates:**

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
2020			
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September	1,220	\$0.0575	\$70.15
October	11,600	\$0.0575	\$667.00
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575	\$711.91
Dec			
YTD Total	25,201	\$0.0575	\$1,449.06

## **Old Business:**

**New Rack N Pac Shed:** Mitch Goldblatt reported he spoke to Matt, the Home Depot manager, who informed Mitch the funds were still frozen for this community project. The good news is we are still on their list to have this done at a future date when the funds freeze is lifted by Home Depot.

**Simple Recycling at Transfer Station; High Plains and Houses of Worship:** Simple Recycling is now open at the Transfer Station and after some early issues it appears things are settling down. A banner has been affixed to the trailer and metal baskets have been inserted in the trailer to collect the items being dropped off. The drop box at the High Plains Community Center appears to be situated in an awkward place. Loretta Smith made a motion and Wendy Novick seconded to have it moved near the pavilion and it carried unanimously. Mitch Goldblatt will speak with Sonny Wilkens, from Simple Recycling, to see if they are willing to move it and if they agree then a letter will be sent to the First Selectman, Jim Zeoli, for approval. There was only one House of Worship interested in the possibility of having a drop box, but this has been placed on hold until the drop box at High Plains Community Center has had some time to see if it's profitable before expanding elsewhere.

**Tour of Winter Brothers Recycling Plant:** The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee members is still on hold at this time because of COVID-19.

**Other Old Business:** In the past there were discussions of having members of the Recycling Committee or volunteers go to the Transfer Station to monitor what people were putting in the recycling trailer to make sure plastic bags weren't being tossed in. Since we don't want to give off the appearance of policing the public or infringe on the employees who work at the Transfer Station, Mark Moyher suggested planning an event to engage the public who showed up making it more fun and friendly for all. The plan will be to pick two dates in the spring and use a combination of Committee members and volunteers who have shown interest in recycling in the past to host some type of meet and greet at a few different stations and assist with questions and engage people to thank and encourage them to keep up their efforts while making sure they are observing the correct protocols which are in place. This will most likely need to be cleared with the Transfer Station. If they approve then we will publicize the dates and encourage people to participate in asking questions or making suggestions. Hopefully this can help with most of the contamination issues we currently have that cost the town more money when the recycling has to be thrown away as trash instead.

**New Business:**

**Shredding Day - 2021:** We have scheduled April 10, 2021 to hold the town's next Shredding Day event and all our partners of the past several years are on board.

**Proposed Expanded Bottle Bill:** The State of CT DEEP would like to step up efforts to expand the bottle bill during the current legislation period. Senator James Maroney has responded to Chair Goldblatt that he would help back a bill that might raise the redemption amount from 5 cents to 10 cents per container and to increase the types of bottles and cans that can be recycled.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. after a motion by Karen Della-Giustina, seconded by Loretta Smith, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary