

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 18, 2018

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met at the High Plains Community Center on December 18, 2018 for a "Special Meeting". The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Wendy Novick, Ilene Moyher, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Stepanie Jatlow and Loretta Smith.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Wendy Novick made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: We recently ordered new plastic bags for the transfer station and made a 50% payment to Fast Signs to start the signage project at the Transfer Station.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

12/18/2018	2018	
		1-056-890-90-956-50
Balance Forward		(\$1,743.87)
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
Donuts County Fair	(\$87.25)	\$1,897.67
Affordable Solutions	(\$475.00)	\$1,422.67
Reimbursement – Rotary	\$475.00	\$1,897.67
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$204.49)	\$1,693.18
Fast Signs (Deposit)	(\$2,925.24)	(\$1,232.06)

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%
September	81.31	68.54	-15.7%
October	89.26	90.08	0.9%
November	93.64	91.76	-2.0%
YTD Total	932.91	925.01	-0.8%

Old Business:

Transfer Station Signage: We are finally set to go with the signage as last minutes changes are being done. Steve Selby will be starting the installation as soon as Wednesday December 19, 2018. The two main signs we are expecting to be up by the end of the week, and the whole project completed by the end of the year. The Committee is then coordinating a group photo to commemorate this task. Mark Moyher made a motion to spend up to \$500 from the committee's fund to cover any costs that exceed our money left in the grant we had to accommodate some changes to the budget. Mary-Jo seconded and the motion unanimously.

New Business:

Webinar for Connecticut: Mitch Goldblatt listened to this and informed us that 14-19% of the recyclables collected in the state are contaminated, mostly by plastic bags, making it difficult to meet guidelines for exporting it to countries like China. Currently 60% of paper and 36% of hard plastic recyclables are shipped to China while the rest is distributed to other countries or kept locally for recycling. All glass is recycled in the state itself.

Carton Recycling in the Elementary Schools: The Carton Council has a program in place to divert milk and juice cartons from the trash into the recycling stream. Mary-Jo said grants are available on a match basis up to \$5,000 for schools willing to undergo this program. There are some obstacles to

overcome in implementing such a program, but Mary-Jo would like to explore it further to see if we can get any schools to come onboard and thinks it's worthy of looking into it further.

HazWaste Days: We will provide volunteers on Saturday, June 29, 2019 and Saturday, October 5, 2019 for this event. Mitch, Loretta and Mark have signed up for the June date and Mary-Jo and Wendy are available for the October date at this time. It will take place at the Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00am to noon.

Shredding Day with the Rotary Club: We were able to coordinate Saturday April 27, 2019 as our first shredding day for next year. We hope to continue the mattress collection and work again with the Orange Community Woman. More details to come.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM after a motion by Stephanie Jatlow, seconded by Mary-Jo Sierakowski and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary