

ORANGE COUNTY  
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ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Draft MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022



The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday April 20, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Loretta Smith, Susan Wineland, Wendy Novick, Chris Prokop, Mark Moyher and Ilene Moyher.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Susan Wineland made a motion and Mark Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Resignation of Karen Della-Giustina-Alternate Position:** Unfortunately Karen had to resign from the Recycling Committee as she does not have enough time anymore with her current job responsibilities and the Army Reserves. She will be missed dearly. Several names from our volunteers were suggested as potential replacements. Chair Goldblatt will contact each of them to see if they are interested in serving. Any of those who accept will have their names submitted to First Selectman Jim Zeoli, who has the authority to select whomever he wishes.

**Financial Update:** Several invoices were paid the past month. Tad Martin for reinforcing the strength of the Plastic Wrap Shed at the Transfer Station, Barker Specialty for new yard signs for Shredding Day and microfiber cloths for our giveaway item at events and Ilene Moyher for the renewal of our domain for the website.

**Bill for Website Domain:** Susan Wineland made a motion to approve the invoice for renewing the Recycling Committee's website domain From Wix for \$50.72 which was seconded by Chris Prokop. It carried unanimously.

**Bill for Website Hosting:** Mark Moyher made a motion to approve the invoice for renewing the Recycling Committee's website hosting from Wix for up to \$280 which was seconded by Loretta Smith. It carried unanimously.

**Balance Forward**

**\$2,763.60**

**2022**

Vent Plastic Bags	(\$242.01)	\$2,521.59
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)	\$1,971.59
Rotary Club – Reimbursement	\$550.00	\$2,521.59
Tad Martin – Shed Repair	(\$75.00)	\$2,446.59
Barker Specialty – Yard Signs	(\$749.50)	\$1,697.09
Barker Specialty – Cloths	(\$438.68)	\$1,258.41
Ilene Moyher – Website Domain	(\$50.72)	\$1,207.69

**Residential Recycling Rates:**

MONTH	2021	2022	DELTA
January	73.49	74.06	0.8%
February	64.09	63.41	-1.1%
March	83.67	68.55	-18.1%
April	79.70		
May	76.55		
June	85.11		
July	79.41		
August	77.61		
September	71.87		
October	63.37		
November	82.89		
December	99.87		
YTD Total	221.25	206.02	-6.9%

**Simple Recycling**

**Textile Rates:**

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>2022</u>				<u>2021</u>			
January	761	\$0.0575	\$43.75	January	11,343	\$0.0575	\$652.22

February	578	\$0.0575	\$33.23	February	8,004	\$0.0575	\$460.23
March	293	\$0.0575	\$16.85	March	9,780	\$0.0575	\$562.35
April				April	12,941	\$0.0575	\$744.11
May				May	10,335	\$0.0575	\$594.26
June				June	9,608	\$0.0575	\$552.46
July				July	7,132	\$0.0575	\$410.09
August				August	4,991	\$0.0575	\$286.98
September				September	172	\$0.0575	\$9.89
October				October	652	\$0.0575	\$37.49
Nov				Nov	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06
Dec				Dec	310	\$0.0575	\$17.83
YTD Total	1,632	\$0.0575	\$93.83	YTD Total	76,335	\$0.0575	\$4,389.26

### Old Business:

**Shredding Day and Haz Waste Collection –April 2, 2022:** This event was another big success. Shredding netted approximately 9,430 pounds of paper this time around. We also collected 33 mattresses for recycling. The Orange Community Women were on hand accepting household items, toys, and clothing. We even hosted a satellite Haz Waste Collection on site for the first time. There were 169 vehicles that came through the site, of which 139 vehicles were Orange town residents. All the stations were spread apart and there were volunteers helping to direct the traffic as needed. Traffic flow was steady most of the time and there were no issues of cars backing up onto Orange Center Road. Haz Waste Central was very pleased with the way things went and are open to returning to Orange in the spring of 2023. We will propose this to the Board of Selectmen when appropriate and hope they will once again approve it. The Orange Recycling Committee handed out a little over 50% of the microfiber cloths as our give away. They got great reviews from those who accepted them as our thanks for coming out to support the events we put together.

**Plastic Bags and Wrap:** Home Depot has been accepting our plastic bags and wrap, to combine with theirs for a couple of months now. Home Depot allows us to drop them off on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30am-5:00pm at their receiving area, as well as Saturdays. We are also bringing the plastic bags and wrap on Saturdays even though the receiving area is closed. The only thing is we must go into the store to customer service and ask them to get Nestor at extension 194 to assist us. Loretta Smith puts together a monthly schedule asking people to volunteer and sign up to take the bags from the Transfer Station over to Home Depot. Thank you to our committee members who have already undertaken the responsibility to collect and deliver the bags. The only drawback is the open hours at the Transfer Station on Tuesdays and Thursdays are 8:00am-2:00pm which limits the time to collect the plastic bags and wrap and bring it over to Home Depot.

**Glass Recycling:** We have been waiting for Joe from Oak Ridge to prepare a proposal for installing a special container at the Transfer Station just for glass collection. Unfortunately they have not

followed through on this so we are abandoning this hope for now and may review it again at some time in the future.

**New Business:**

**Clean-up Days:** The Bicentennial Committee is looking to organize a couple days to go around town roads to collect trash and recyclables in order to clean up the town as part of the 200 year celebration. The first one is scheduled to take place on Saturday May 7, and clean up Meetinghouse Lane. It is expected this event will start around 9:00am with people meeting behind the Orange Congregational Church. People can contact George Lesko, who's in charge of this date, for more information. His phone number is: 203-610-3804 and email address is: [gmlcbl@msn.com](mailto:gmlcbl@msn.com). They will be looking for volunteers and the Orange Recycling Committee is completely behind this and will send as many members as possible to join in this project.

**Next Shredding Day:** We have picked Saturday, October 8, 2022 to host our next event. All vendors stated they were open the whole month so Mitch Goldblatt will confirm this date as soon as possible to get everybody booked.

**Additional Plastic Bag Signage:** Mark Moyher made a motion, which was seconded by Ilene Moyher to purchase a new sign from FastSigns to attach to the Plastic Wrap Shed to indicate only plastic bags and wraps are acceptable.

**Other New Business:**

**Orange Country Fair September 17 & 18, 2022:** We received a registration form in the mail inquiring if we would like to attend and set up a booth at the 2022 Orange Country Fair as we have in the past. Mark Moyher made a motion, which was seconded by Susan Wineland to purchase the booth at a cost of \$125, plus another \$10 for a table to continue our attendance. It carried unanimously.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Wendy Novick and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary