

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Draft MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday June 15, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Susan Wineland, Lora Wu, Chris Prokop, and Mark Moyher.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Susan Wineland made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of May 18, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Bill for Rack N Pac:** Mark Moyher made a motion to approve the invoice order of \$300.31 for plastic bags for the Rack N Pac in the Plastic Bags Shed which was seconded by Susan Wineland. It carried unanimously.

**Financial Update:** The invoice for plastic bags used in the Rack N Pac was paid during the past month.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

06/15/2022

1-056-890-90-956-50

**2021**

**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
Orange Country Fair Fee	(\$135.00)	\$1,072.69
Ilene Moyher – Web Hosting	(\$280.76)	\$791.93
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$300.31)	\$491.62

**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	68.47	-14.1%
May	76.55	72.94	-4.7%
June	85.11		
July	79.41		
August	77.61		
September	71.87		
October	63.37		
November	82.89		
December	99.87		
YTD Total	377.50	347.43	-8.0%

**Simple Recycling  
Textile Rates:**

<u>2022</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</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	302	\$0.0575	\$17.37	April	12,941	\$0.0575	\$744.11
May	759	\$0.0575	\$43.64	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 2,693 \$0.0575 \$154.84 YTD Total 76,335 \$0.0575 \$4,389.26

### **Old Business:**

**Recycling Contamination:** The month of May saw three loads of recyclables rejected for being contaminated. They had to be thrown away as trash. There were no addition details as to what caused the contamination.

**Plastic Bags and Wrap:** Home Depot has been accepting our plastic bags and wrap, to combine with theirs for several months now. So far, there have been no problems with them taking the bags from us. Committee members were asked to sign up for the month July to help bring the plastic bags to Home Depot on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The members and dates will be sent to Loretta Smith to update the worksheet and all members will be sent an email to fill in the open dates as it's very important we keep the 3 day a week schedule filled in order to ensure the shed won't get over crowded.

**Bicentennial Clean-up Days:** The Bicentennial Committee is organizing 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. We do not know when the next day is taking place. Anybody who is interested in helping out should contact George Lesko, who's in charge of this program for more information. His phone number is: 203-610-3804 and email address is: [gmlcbl@msn.com](mailto:gmlcbl@msn.com).

### **New Business:**

**Next Shredding Day:** We have confirmed Saturday, October 8, 2022 as the day to host our next event. In addition to Shredding and the Mattress collection, the Orange Community Women will be on hand to collect, toys, small appliances and clothing under the Pavilion. This event will exclude Haz Waste Collection which we hope can be added in the Spring of 2023.

**HazWaste Days:** We have been assigned Saturday July 16 and Saturday October 15, 2022 as dates to volunteer on. The site is The Regional Water Authority located at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven. The volunteer time is from 9:00am until noon. Only two volunteers are needed, and their responsibility

will be directing the traffic around to the drop off site. Lora Wu said she will be available for the July date while Mark Moyher and Chris Prokop will be available for the October date. Mitch Goldblatt will contact the members who were not present at the meeting to see who can assist with Lora on July 16. If nobody else can take that date, Mark Moyher will be available.

**New Recycling Hauling Contracts:** Bob Brinton presented the bids that were collected to the Board of Selectmen for Municipal Solid Waste; Bulky Waste and Recyclables Hauling and Disposal for the next 4 year period. City Carting, who has a long experience with the Town of Orange, was awarded all three contracts.

**Asbestos Disposal:** We recently received an email from David Giraldo, who works in the public outreach department of the Mesothelioma Center. He asked us to share a link that will inform people how to handle asbestos; how asbestos is recycled and asbestos safety. Mark Moyher made a motion to have the link added to our webpage, which was seconded by Susan Wineland. The vote on this issue was 4-1 in favor of. Mitch Goldblatt, Susan Wineland, Chris Prokop, and Mark Moyher voted yea and Lora Wu voted nay.

#### **Other New Business:**

**Glass Recycling Program:** Susan Wineland asked if there was any news on the Town of Orange being able to have a glass recycling program similar to what the Town of Woodbridge is participating in with Oak Ridge. At present, Oak Ridge never responded back to our inquiries despite several messages left with them. Mitch Goldblatt called Anthony Esposito from the Woodbridge Transfer Station during our meeting to share what he could about the progress and success they have had so far. Anthony informed us that it's gone a little slower than he expected since their town doesn't have curbside pickup and only about half the people who are bringing their recyclables to the Station are actually separating them and using the glass collection shed. At present, they only had one pickup, but he expected in the next couple weeks it would be full and once Oak Ridge came to collect it he would report back to us on the amount of glass that was hauled away and if there were any issues to bring up.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM after a motion by Chris Prokop, seconded by Susan Wineland and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary

