

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
 Approved MINUTES
 Wednesday, March 16, 2022

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met on line with Zoom Meetings on Wednesday March 16, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Mark Moyher, Loretta Smith, Susan Wineland, Patrick Legault, Wendy Novick and Chris Prokop. Non-members who also attended – Lori Vitagliano, from the Regional Water Authority, Lora Wu, and Sarah Kuchta-Humphrey

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Chris Prokop made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded to approve the minutes of February 16, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There were no expenditures invoiced this past month.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

03/16/2022	1-056-890-90-956-50		
	2021		
Balance Forward			\$2,763.60
	2022		
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$242.01)		\$2,521.59

Residential Recycling Rates:

MONTH	2021	2022	DELTA
January	73.49	74.06	0.8%
February	64.09	63.41	-1.1%
March	83.67		
April	79.70		
May	76.55		
June	85.11		
July	79.41		
August	77.61		

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September	71.87		
October	63.37		
November	82.89		
December	99.87		
YTD Total	137.58	137.47	-0.1%

Simple Recycling

Textile Rates:

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>2020</u>				<u>2021</u>			
January				January	11,343	\$0.0575	\$652.22
February				February	8,004	\$0.0575	\$460.23
March				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	1,220	\$0.0575	\$70.15	September	172	\$0.0575	\$9.89
October	11,600	\$0.0575	\$667.00	October	652	\$0.0575	\$37.49
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575	\$711.91	Nov	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06
Dec	11,320	\$0.0575	\$650.90	Dec	310	\$0.0575	\$17.83
YTD Total	36,521	\$0.0575	\$2,099.96	YTD Total	76,335	\$0.0575	\$4,389.26

Old Business:

Shredding Day and Haz Waste Collection –April 2, 2022: The Orange Recycling Committee is gearing up once again for this great town event with a new twist. 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 and the town will be hosting Haz Waste Collection for the first time. Lori Vitagliano, from the Regional Water Authority, showed us the ad they have posted to promote the event and where all the links are on their website (www.rwater/hazwaste) to view the items you can bring and to set up your form electronically to speed things along once you arrive. In addition they will bring signs to put up that mention the items being collected and a QR code you can download to your phone to fill out while you are waiting in line if you didn't remember to preregister. Clean Harbors will have two checkers on hand with I-pads to process the forms and assist anybody who was

unable to fill one out ahead of time. The only issue is they can't accept car batteries at satellite locations. Don Foyer, from the Highway Department, will drop off saw horses that we can set up to funnel the traffic for shredding in one straight line. All traffic will flow in from Orange Center Road onto Tribute Way and signs will be placed, along with a volunteer, to direct the shredding, mattress and clothing drop-off cars to turn left into the driveway in the front of the Community Center, while residents looking for Haz Waste disposable will be directed around to the back. Once the Haz Waste has been collected, cars will be directed to go straight and around the ball fields to exit onto Orange Center Road. The Recycling committee recently ordered 50 new promotional signs to cover all these events which will be put up around town the Sunday before the event. Mitch Goldblatt and Chris Prokop will work on getting a special sign for Haz Waste created that can go up in front of the High Plains Community Center that will have the date and time on it. The Recycling committee also ordered 500 microfiber cloths with, both, the Bicentennial and Recycling logos on them to hand out to those who come by to participate in any one of these events.

Plastic Bags and Wrap: Home Depot has been allowing us to drop-off our plastic bags and wrap, to combine with theirs for the past several weeks. Home Depot is accepting them on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30am-5:00pm at their receiving area. We can also bring the plastic bags and wrap on Saturdays even though the receiving area is closed. We must go into the store to get somebody to open the area for us. At the moment, Nestor at extension 194 is the person we should ask for. Loretta Smith is putting together a monthly schedule for people to sign up and help take the bags from the Transfer Station over to Home Depot. Thanks 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 and it seems unlikely it will move forward at this time. The Town of Woodbridge has started their glass recycling program, but they have the advantage of not having residential pickup of their recycling so they either have to bring it to their Transfer Station or hire a private company to collect it. Therefore, there's no or very little mixing of the glass with other recyclables like the Town of Orange deals with since ours is collected as single stream recycling by the town and the glass does not get separated out.

New Business:

Clean-up Days: The Bicentennial Committee is going 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 expected to take place the first weekend in May and cover the mile long stretch between Church Road and Ridge Road. They will be asking for volunteers to sign up and the Orange Recycling Committee is completely behind this and will send as many members as possible to join in this project.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Loretta Smith and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary