

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Approved MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 29, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday March 29, 2023. The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Chris Prokop, Susan Wineland, Lara Wu, Patrick Legault, Loretta Smith, Ilene Moyher and Mark Moyher.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** In reviewing the prior month's minutes a date error(2022) was found and corrected. Ilene Moyher made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded to approve the amended minutes of February 15, 2023. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

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

**Invoice for Rack N Pak:** Mark Moyher made a motion to approve the invoice of \$335.32 for plastic bags for the Rack N Pak in the Plastic Bags Shed which was seconded by Ilene Moyher. It carried unanimously.

**Invoice for Signage at Transfer Station:** Mark Moyher made a motion to approve the invoice of \$549.40 for the new signage at the Transfer Station provided by FastSigns which was seconded by Chris Prokop. It carried unanimously.

**Invoice for Bag Shed Door Repair at Transfer Station:** Loretta Smith made a motion to approve the invoice up to \$50 for the bag shed door repair at the Transfer Station which will provided by Tad which was seconded by Patrick Legault. It carried unanimously.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

3/29/2023

1-056-890-90-956-50

**2022**

**Balance Forward**

**\$1,161.57**

**2023**

No Activity for 2023 as of this time

**Residential Recycling Rates:**

*Mark Moyher*  
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RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

MONTH	2022	2023	DELTA
January	74.06	72.54	-2.1%
February	63.41	56.19	-11.4%
March	68.55		
April	68.47		
May	72.94		
June	75.58		
July	70.71		
August	64.23		
September	74.96		
October	65.94		
November	76.12		
December	72.45		
YTD Total	137.47	128.73	-6.4%

**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	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	640	\$0.0575	\$36.80	June	9,608	\$0.0575	\$552.46
July	456	\$0.0575	\$26.22	July	7,132	\$0.0575	\$410.09
August	450	\$0.0575	\$25.87	August	4,991	\$0.0575	\$286.98
September	635	\$0.0575	\$36.51	September	172	\$0.0575	\$9.89
October	397	\$0.0575	\$22.83	October	652	\$0.0575	\$37.49
Nov	388	\$0.0575	\$22.31	Nov	575	\$0.0575	\$33.06
Dec	581	\$0.0575	\$33.41	Dec	310	\$0.0575	\$17.83
YTD Total	6,240	\$0.0575	\$358.79	YTD Total	76,335	\$0.0575	\$4,389.26

## **Old Business:**

**Transfer Station Recycling Attendant:** Mitch Goldblatt reported no update on this topic so it will most likely need to be brought up at the next budget hearing in April 2023.

**Bag Shed Door Issue:** Loretta Smith contacted her handyman Tad Martin who recently went out and reattached the door for us. Tad said that strong winds are likely to continue to cause problems. The long term solution would be to put up a stronger wood or metal shed in the future. Loretta will contact Tad to send us an invoice for his work.

**New Signage Request for No Styrofoam:** Steve Selby, of FastSigns, has installed the new signage in the designated areas we have picked out. Pictures were taken Mark Moyher and they were added to the recycling face book page by Ilene Moyher for everybody to see.

**DEEP Grant Opportunity:** DEEP had announced that \$1.5 million is available in grant funding for technical assistance for Connecticut municipalities and regions through the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant program.

Unfortunately, we didn't think we could apply as a single municipality and did not have a clear plan to present for the grant so we are unable to make the March 31 deadline. We will continue to search for future grants to aid us as they become available.

**Lions Club Mini Grant:** Mitch Goldblatt heard that the Orange Lions Club might be making \$500-\$1,000 grants available to non-profit organizations. The Recycling Committee was considering how it could be used should we wish to apply for one. However, the deadline had already passed by the time we reviewed it.

## **New Business:**

**Next Shredding and Haz Waste Day April 22, 2023:** Saturday April 22, 2023 (Earth Day) is our next Shredding Day. Haz Waste is going to participate for the second year. It should be a packed event as Bye-Bye Mattress, Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange will also be on-site. A press release has already gone out to OrangeCTLive.com, the Milford-Orange Times and the Orange Town News promoting this event. The main driveway will be blocked off to divert traffic to enter on Tribute Way so we will need to make and hang signs on the sawhorses to indicate the flow of traffic. The Lions Club will be requesting \$15 this year to pick up mattresses at resident's homes.

**Haz Waste Walk-Through April 5, 2023:** There is a scheduled walk-through for Haz Waste Day on Wednesday April, 5 at 8:30am for those who might want to attend if they are able. Mitch Goldblatt will represent the Recycling Committee, along with Donald Foyer, of the Highway Department and Bob Brinton, of the Public Works Department. Joining them will be some representatives from Clean Harbors and Lori Vitagliano from HazWaste Central to go over the plans for the event.

**Milford-Orange Times Articles:** Loretta Smith will share time doing the articles with Susan Wineland volunteering to write them for the Milford-Orange Times going forward. Ilene Moyher will send them the editorial schedule of the newspapers. Loretta and Susan will coordinate with each other as to what months they will take care of writing and submitting them.

**Plastic Bags and Wrap Duty at the Transfer Station:** The April schedule was collected by Mitch Goldblatt at our meeting and he will email it to all the committee members.

**Glass Recycling:** We would really like to see this become available at the Transfer Station one day. However, there have been no new updates on how or when we might be able to achieve this.

**Other New Business:** Mitch Goldblatt recently shared his disappointment that while on a recent vacation to Israel and Morocco he did not come across any recycling containers to dispose of plastic bottles. Mitch hopes that people are actually returning them to back to retailers to collect the bottle deposits instead of throwing them in the trash.

Susan Wineland spotted signage at the Newtown Transfer Station recently put up by Girl Scouts that said you can't recycle spray bottles, oatmeal canisters and paper smaller than 2 inches by 2 inches. Recycle CT says you can recycle just the plastic bottle as long as the sprayer apparatus is removed and thrown in the trash. The oatmeal canisters are trash as they often contain metal or plastic resin liners and plastic or metal rims and bottoms that are not acceptable in CT's mixed recycling program. Paper that is smaller than 2 inches by 2 inches is considered shredded and therefore is also trash and not accepted for recycling.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM after a motion by Lara Wu, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary