

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
 Approved MINUTES  
 Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday June 21, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Wendy Novick, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Susan Wineland, and Patrick Legault.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** In reviewing the prior month's minutes it was incorrectly stated that cost of the booth and table at the County Fair was \$160 instead of the \$135 actual cost. Chris Prokop made a motion and Wendy Novick seconded to approve the amended minutes of May 17, 2023. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** There were no expenses paid during the last month. We are due to receive an annual stipend of \$1,800 for the next fiscal year to be posted in July. Money received by the Town for the sale of miniature liquor bottles will be incorporated into the Town budget, and not directed toward the ORC. Starting July 1, 2023 Town Hall will order and Public Works will pay for the costs of Poly Bags for the Rack 'N Pak shed. We are still waiting to receive a bill from Tad to pay for his work in fixing the Rack 'N Pak shed door for us.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

6/20/2023

1-056-890-90-956-50

**2022**

**Balance Forward** **\$1,161.57**

**2023**

Vent Plastic Bags	(\$335.32)	\$826.25
FastSigns – Signage/Transfer Stn	(\$549.40)	\$276.85
Affordable Solutions	(\$600.00)	(\$323.15)
Rotary Club Reimbursement	\$600.00	\$276.85
Orange Country Fair Booth	(\$135.00)	\$141.85

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**Residential Recycling Rates:**

MONTH	2022	2023	DELTA
January	74.06	72.54	-2.1%
February	63.41	56.19	-11.4%
March	68.55	65.23	-4.8%
April	68.47	49.88	-27.2%
May	72.94	72.78	-0.2%
June	75.58		
July	70.71		
August	64.23		
September	74.96		
October	65.94		
November	76.12		
December	72.45		
YTD Total	347.43	316.62	-8.9%

**Textile Recycling Rates – Simple Recycling**

2023	Pounds	Rate	Paid	2022	Pounds	Rate	Paid
Jan	575	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.06	Jan	761	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.75
Feb	327	\$ 0.0575	\$ 18.80	Feb	578	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.23
Mar	201	\$ 0.0575	\$ 11.56	Mar	293	\$ 0.0575	\$ 16.85
Apr	351	\$ 0.0575	\$ 20.18	Apr	302	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.37
May	306	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.60	May	759	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.64
Jun				Jun	640	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.80
Jul				Jul	456	\$ 0.0575	\$ 26.22
Aug				Aug	450	\$ 0.0575	\$ 25.88
Sep				Sep	635	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.51
Oct				Oct	397	\$ 0.0575	\$ 22.83
Nov				Nov	388	\$ 0.0575	\$ 22.31
Dec				Dec	581	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.41
Total	1760		\$ 101.20	Total	6240		\$ 358.79

**Old Business:**

**Haz Waste Central at Regional Water Authority:** We will provide two Orange Recycling Committee members to volunteer on site at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Saturday July 15, 2023 we have Chris Prokop and Loretta Smith as volunteers.

Saturday October 21, 2023 we have Patrick Legault and Mark Moyher as volunteers.

**New Business:**

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

**Next Shredding Day in October:** Saturday October 7, 2023 is our next Shredding Day. Unfortunately Bye-Bye Mattress is unable to attend the event, but the Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange groups will be on-site.

**General Assembly Update:** Session has ended for the General Assembly and solid waste management is a big topic of interest. They are expanding the state's organic law to require facilities to separate the organic materials from other waste and recycle them. They also established a state-wide stewardship program to manage certain discarded tires to ensure they are resold or recycled beginning October 1, 2023. We are not sure if this means the Transfer Station will reopen the trailer to collect tires or if it will go through tire retailers only.

**Orange Recycling Committee Giveaways:** We discussed what new item we would like to hand out at the Orange County Fair and Shredding Day events in the fall. We came up with a 4x6 magnet as the most likely item. A motion was made by Susan Wineland, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously to investigate it further. Ilene Moyher will do a sample and include a QR code to bring you to the [www.Recyclect.com](http://www.Recyclect.com) website to search their "what's in, what's out" section on items that determine if they can be recycled our must be added to waste.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Wendy Novick and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher  
Secretary