

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Draft MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 2022

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday July 20, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Susan Wineland, Patrick Legault, Ilene Moyher, and Mark Moyher.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Susan Wineland made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded to approve the minutes of June 15, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: The invoice for Plastic Shed sign and installation was paid during the past month.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

07/19/2022

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
FastSigns – Sign for Shed	(\$184.84)	\$306.78

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 TOWN OF ORANGE
 CLERK OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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	75.58	-11.2%
July	79.41		
August	77.61		
September	71.87		
October	63.37		
November	82.89		
December	99.87		
YTD Total	462.61	423.01	-8.6%

**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:

Plastic Bags and Wrap: We are experiencing good and bad days when going to the Rack N Pac to collect bags. Residents are unpredictable and some bags have come in with dirty, mulch bags and must end up going in the hopper and some bags have to be opened to remove cans or bottles that are not allowed in the bags. However, the Recycling Committee has been keeping up with collecting them and delivering them to Home Depot. Dates for pickup will be collected at each monthly meeting by Mitch Goldblatt to update the worksheet. 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.

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. Lora Wu and Patrick Legault recently did their volunteer time on July 16 and said it went well. They were tasked with directing traffic to the collection area. Patrick said they had a truck near the beginning on the site to collect electronics for the first time. Mark Moyher and Chris Prokop will be available for the October date.

Other Old Business:

Glass Recycling: Mitch Goldblatt informed us that Oak Ridge might be getting acquired. We will keep on top of this situation in case their current personnel turns over which could allow us another opportunity to bring up having a glass recycling container at the Transfer Station.

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.

Other New Business:

Orange Country Fair: Mark Moyher will use SignUpGenius asking the Recycling Committee members to sign up for blocks of time on Saturday and Sunday September 17 and 18, 2022 to volunteer at our

booth. Somebody will be needed Friday night September 16 to bring items to the booth as preparation for Saturday. Mark Moyher will do the Sunday close and wrap up once the Fair ends. Nadine O'Brien has agreed to partner with us again in handing out free donuts to the children who stop by our booth and participate in answering some recycling questions. We will pay the donut bill, at a discount, on behalf of our give away after all the tickets Nadine collects are counted up.

TerraCycle: Mith Goldblatt was informed this company collects recyclables, such as plastic bags, where you can purchase boxes for the plastic bags and mail the filled box back to the company postage free. This was brought of as a possible alternative to bringing the bags to Home Depot. However, upon reviewing the website it was determined to be too costly to participate as each box cost \$85 making it very costly when compared to the vent bags we order and use now. Also, it would be more difficult to load and transport them to the drop off center to have them mailed back.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Susan Wineland and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary

THE ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Orange Recycling Committee (ORC) had another very active and productive year, continuing to deal with the effects of COVID-19. The ORC facilitated expanded recycling opportunities at the Orange Transfer Station & Recycling Center and within the residential recycling program. The ORC continually promotes local recycling opportunities and shares tips via the Town of Orange and ORC websites (orange-ct.gov and orangerecycles.com), OrangeCTLive.com, The Milford-Orange Times newspaper, and the ORC Facebook page (facebook.com/ORCinCT).

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Orange residents recycled 898 tons of material, down 5.7% from the previous year.

Highlights of 2021-2022 Orange Recycling Committee initiatives include:

- Volunteered at the Orange Transfer Station & Recycling Center on several Saturdays to provide guidance to residents in proper recycling and answer questions.
- Assisted at HazWaste Central at the Regional Water Authority in New Haven in July and October to assist in the orderly collection of residential hazardous waste from the region.
- Worked to phase out the textile recycling by Simple Recycling at the Orange Transfer Station & Recycling Center and bring back Goodwill. Simple Recycling continued to accept textiles at a drop box location at High Plains Community Center and pay the Town 15 cents per pound for acceptable materials.
- Participated once again with a booth at the Orange Country Fair, educating visitors about recycling and distributing wooden rulers to the public.
- Toured Oak Ridge Recycling Plant in October as a committee to observe the recycling process from the view of our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).
- Worked with The Home Depot of Orange, to combine with their recycling efforts. They accepted plastic bags and wraps from the Transfer Station & Recycling Center, which were transported three times a week by Orange Recycling Committee volunteers.
- Held Paper Shredding & Mattress Recycling events at High Plains Community Center in October and April. In October 2021, residents brought nearly 11,000 pounds of documents to be shredded and 43 mattresses to be repurposed in partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council. In April 2022, another 9,000 pounds of documents were shredded and 33 additional mattresses were collected. The Orange Rotary Club sponsored this event, making it free to residents. In appreciation, many residents donated to the Orange Rotary Club Scholarship Fund. To help residents who could not transport mattresses to the event, members of the Orange Lions Club picked them up at homes, for a small donation.
- Facilitated the first ever HazWaste Day held in the Town of Orange in April in conjunction with the Shredding Day and the town's Bicentennial celebration.
- Welcomed Lora Wu to the committee as an alternate member, replacing Karen Della-Giustina, who stepped down after nine years as an alternate.

MONTH	2020	2021	DELTA
January	89.29	73.49	-17.7%
February	66.18	64.09	-3.2%
March	80.90	83.67	3.4%
April	84.97	79.70	-6.2%
May	80.87	76.55	-5.3%
June	86.13	85.11	-1.2%
July	89.38	79.41	-11.2%
August	72.26	77.61	7.4%
September	82.31	71.87	-12.7%
October	70.40	63.37	-10.0%
November	87.92	82.89	-5.7%
December	87.37	99.87	14.3%
YTD Total	977.98	937.63	-4.1%

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May	76.55	72.94	-4.7%
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July	79.41	70.71	-11.0%
August	77.61		-100.0%
September	71.87		-100.0%
October	63.37		-100.0%
November	82.89		-100.0%
December	99.87		-100.0%
YTD Total	542.02	493.72	-8.9%

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Simple Recycling

<u>2020</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>
Jan				Jan	10860	\$ 0.0575	\$ 624.45	Jan
Feb				Feb	9080	\$ 0.0575	\$ 522.10	Feb
Mar				Mar	9780	\$ 0.0575	\$ 562.35	Mar
Apr				Apr	12840	\$ 0.0575	\$ 738.30	Apr
May				May	10335	\$ 0.0575	\$ 594.26	May
Jun				Jun	9608	\$ 0.0575	\$ 552.46	Jun
Jul				Jul	7132	\$ 0.0575	\$ 410.09	Jul
Aug				Aug	4991	\$ 0.0575	\$ 286.98	Aug
Sep	1220	\$ 0.0575	\$ 70.15	Sep	172	\$ 0.0575	\$ 9.89	Sep
Oct	11600	\$ 0.0575	\$ 667.00	Oct	652	\$ 0.0575	\$ 37.49	Oct
Nov	12381	\$ 0.0575	\$ 711.91	Nov	575	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.06	Nov
Dec	11320	\$ 0.0575	\$ 650.90	Dec	310	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.83	Dec
Total	36521		\$ 2,099.96	Total	76335		\$ 4,389.26	Total

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302	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.37
759	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.64
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