

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
 Draft MINUTES
 July 21, 2021

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person on July 21, 2021 at High Plains Community Center in the Community Services Conference Room. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Loretta Smith, Wendy Novick, Patrick Legault, Chris Prokop and Susan Wineland. Members of the Public Rita Nardecchia and Tony Nardecchia, Sr.


Public Input: Rita Nardecchia brought some sample plastic containers and asked about which could and could not be recycled. Also, she had questions about caps and small items. Committee members provided input and also guided her to the website and app for www.recyclelect.com.

Minutes Approval: Chris Prokop made a motion and Patrick Legault seconded to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: There were no recent expenses during the past month, however Tad owes us a bill for attaching the Plastic Bags/Wrap sign on the shed at the Transfer Station.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

7/21/2021	1-056-890-90-956-50		
		2020	
Balance Forward			\$1,962.38
		2021	
FastSigns	(\$54.94)		\$1,907.44
Affordable Solutions	(\$550.00)		\$1,357.44
Reimbursement – Rotary Club	\$550.00		\$1,907.44
Orange Country Fair Booth	(\$135.00)		\$1,772.44
Vent Plastic Bags	(\$211.84)		\$1,560.60


 Mitch Goldblatt
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Residential Recycling Rates:

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		
August	72.26		
September	82.31		
October	70.40		
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	488.34	462.61	-5.3%

**Simple Recycling
Textile Rates:**

<u>2020</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</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			
August				August			
September	1,220	\$0.0575	\$70.15	September			
October	11,600	\$0.0575	\$667.00	October			
Nov	12,381	\$0.0575	\$711.91	Nov			
Dec	12,959	\$0.0575	\$745.15	Dec			
YTD Total	38,160	\$0.0575	\$2,194.21	YTD Total	62,011	\$0.0575	\$3,565.63

Old Business:

Transfer Station Participation: Loretta Smith, Mitch Goldblatt, Wendy Novick, and Ginny Reinhard have volunteered on a Saturday so far at the Transfer Station to assist residents who may have questions. Most of the residents had no questions, but some received some needed guidance on recycling and what would be accepted at the Simple Recycling trailer. We will try to continue this service throughout the summer. The volunteers will wear their Orange Recycling tee shirts to stand out..

Haz Waste Days Volunteers: Mitch Goldblatt and Susan Wineland volunteered at the HazWaste Day on Saturday July 17th. Greeting people, making sure that they were registered and directing traffic was all that was required this year. On Saturday October 16, 2021, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop and Patrick Legault will be available.

Orange Country Fair September 18 & 19, 2021: Mark Moyher will reach out to Nadine Gilbert to see if we can continue our traditional donut giveaway to children who participate in our recycling educational game. Trivia questions were discussed and we will need several volunteers. Loretta will work on a spreadsheet for everyone to fill out in 3 hour blocks on both days. We decided to explore the cost of a wooden ruler as a potential giveaway. Mitch will get pricing and place an order if it is reasonable.

Shredding Day October-9, 2021: This event is all set and is being promoted on our website to give advance notice to the town residents.

Tour of Oak Ridge Recycling Plant: The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee can go forward at any time. Committee members have chosen October 30, 2021, as the best date for everybody. Mitch Goldblatt has reached out to confirm this with his contact at the facility. He has also inquired as to a separate bin for glass as is being done in Woodbridge as well as working with Oak Ridge and Trex to get a bench. He will report back at the next meeting.

Pill Bottles: Loretta Smith reported that the Rotary Club of Orange was looking to recycle pill bottles. She will get more details to see if that is the same effort that Susan Wineland has been working on and to see if it made sense to combine efforts.

Other Old Business: Home Depot has still not committed about installing a permanent shed at the Transfer Station for our plastic bags. We have decided to wait a couple months before contacting them again to see if we can get this done.

New Business:

Signage at Transfer Station: There was discussion about whether the Cardboard Sign needed to say corrugated. Since the vendor has been satisfied with the current loads and has had minimal contamination, we decided to leave it alone for now and continue to monitor the situation.

Simple Recycling Future: Sonny Wilkens has contacted Mitch Goldblatt to state that they will probably end the contract soon due to receiving way too many inappropriate items that are broken and unusable and not receiving enough textiles. In addition, they have had significant problems in getting drivers to regularly empty the trailer. Mitch Goldblatt will contact Goodwill to see what arrangements can be made to switch back and also to see if Simple Recycling will still leave the drop box at High Plains. He will also need to bring this forward to the Board of Selectmen shortly.

Next Meeting August 18, 2021: Mitch Goldblatt thanked Wendy Novick for taking notes at the meeting in place of Secretary Mark Moyher, who was out of town. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Chris Prokop, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Goldblatt
Chair