

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Draft MINUTES
August 18, 2021

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on August 18, 2021. The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

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

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: We received our yearly stipend to the budget from the Town of \$1,800 this month. We are still waiting for Loretta's friend Tad to send us a bill for attaching the Plastic Bags/Wrap sign on the shed at the Transfer Station. Mitch presented a check for the Orange Recycling Committee from Ken Lenz and Marianne Miller for \$50, which was sent in his honor.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

8/18/2021

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
Town of Orange	\$1,800.00	\$3,360.60

Mitch Goldblatt
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 TOWN OF ORANGE
 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
 10001 E. 11TH ST.
 ORANGE, CO. NE 68003

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	79.41	-11.2%
August	72.26		
September	82.31		
October	70.40		
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	577.72	542.02	-6.2%

**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: Committee members and volunteers Ginny Reinhard and Marlene Silverstein donated their time on Saturdays at the Transfer Station to assist residents who may have had questions. Most of the residents had no questions, but some received proper guidance on recycling protocols. We will be ending this service as we have achieved our goal and thanked the residents for all their hard work recycling for the town's benefit.

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

Orange Country Fair September 18 & 19, 2021: Nadine Gilbert is going to continue our traditional donut giveaway to children who participate in our recycling educational game. Trivia questions were discussed and we will need several volunteers to man our booth. Ilene will send out Google Docs for everyone to fill out in 3 hour blocks on both days. We voted to go with a wooden ruler as our giveaway. Mark Moyher made a motion and Patrick Legault seconded it to purchase 500 wooden rulers. It was approved unanimously. Ilene Moyher will be sending Mitch Goldblatt the final design to go on the ruler. Mitch will then contact Barker Specialty to place the order.

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. We will publish this as a Residential event and ask residents to limit themselves to bring just six (6) paper copier sized boxes. If they come with more, they will be encouraged to get back in line to dispose of the extra boxes.

Tour of Oak Ridge Recycling Plant: The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee is currently scheduled for Saturday October 30, 2021.

New Business:

2020-2021 Annual Report: Chris Prokop made a motion and Ilene Moyher seconded it to approve the Annual Report allowing everybody one week (until August 25, 2021) to submit any edits.

Simple Recycling Future: Sonny Wilkens sent Mitch Goldblatt a letter to terminate the contract at the Transfer Station. Simple Recycling will be removing the big trailer as soon as they are able to make the arrangements. They will leave the drop box at High Plains for the time being as that is getting used and they are happy with it. Mitch then contacted Goodwill, who were more than happy, to return to the Transfer Station and will be placing their new trailer at the very top of the station

instead of along the left side where they were last located. Mitch brought this to the Board of Selectmen last Wednesday and they voted to accept the termination of Simple Recycling and to bring Goodwill back.

Glass Recycling: First Selectman Jim Zeoli approached Mitch Goldblatt for an update on this topic. The news wasn't as promising as first thought. The Town of Bethany has always separated glass on their own and the Town of Woodbridge is currently only signed up to participate in a pilot program at some time in the future. Mitch found out we would need to find space at the Transfer Station to accommodate a 22-foot long structure in order to participate if the town chooses to. There would need to be discussions with the Transfer Station to see if they could find and agree on an acceptable area to have this new station available.

Plastic Bag and Wrap: Recently Mitch Goldblatt contacted Oak Ridge Waste to see if our plastic bags and wrap were going to Trex or somewhere else. He discovered that Trex had suspended their program with Oak Ridge due to high contamination of the plastic. After several phone calls, Mitch was put in touch with Ryan Gatewood (Community Outreach) at Oak Ridge, who expressed an interest in looking into this situation to make sure that our efforts in separating this material were not in vain. Ryan promised to continue to work with us and provide updates. Mitch was also told that Orange was the only town sending recyclables to Oak Ridge that was separating their plastic out of their overall recycling materials. We look forward to determining the best way to recycle this material, which cannot be recycled with the bottles, cans, and paper.

Next Meeting September 13, 2021: Chris Prokop made a motion and Wendy Novick seconded to move the regularly scheduled meeting, September 15, 2021 to Monday September 13, 2021 making this a Special Meeting. This is due to the Yom Kippur holiday conflicting with the regularly scheduled meeting date. It was carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Chris Prokop, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary