

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
 Draft MINUTES  
 Wednesday, September 13, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday September 13, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance:** Mitch Goldblatt, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Lora Wu, Susan Wineland and Patrick LeGault.

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes Approval:** Chris Prokop made a motion and Patrick Legault seconded to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** We paid the Barker Specialty invoice of \$370 for the magnets we ordered to be our giveaway at the Orange Country Fair.

**ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

9/13/2023

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
Town of Orange	\$1,800.00	\$1,941.85
Barker Specialty – Magnets	(\$370.00)	\$1,571.85

  
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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	66.17	-12.5%
July	70.71	62.33	-11.9%
August	64.23	70.14	9.2%
September	74.96		
October	65.94		
November	76.12		
December	72.45		
YTD Total	557.95	515.26	-7.7%

**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	403	\$ 0.0575	\$ 23.17	Jun	640	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.80
Jul	455	\$ 0.0575	\$ 26.16	Jul	456	\$ 0.0575	\$ 26.22
Aug	380	\$ 0.0575	\$ 21.85	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	2998		\$ 172.38	Total	6240		\$ 358.79

**Old Business:**

**Orange Country Fair-September 16 and 17, 2023:** Mark Moyher sent out a Google Sheet for recycling committee members to sign up to volunteer on Saturday and Sunday to ensure we are covered during Fair hours. We are not doing the donut giveaway this year as the costs of making the donuts went up more than expected. To replace the donuts, we will pass out Costco cookies to the children who participate in answering recycling questions. We will be handing out magnets at our booth to promote recycling. Ron Novick asked if we could promote Home Energy Solutions, a program that is supported by the Connecticut Energy Efficient Fund, by having brochures available at our booth. We agreed it would be a good idea to display them so that anybody who was interested could take one.

**Shredding Day October 7, 2023:** Shredding Day is being held on Saturday October 7, 2023 at the HPCC from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Unfortunately Bye-Bye Mattress is unable to attend the event, but the Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange groups will be on-site from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM. Mitch Goldblatt has written and sent out a press release to advertise the event. Signs will be put up around town on Sunday October 1st to promote the event. Dan May, President of the Orange Rotary Club would like us to add the collection of electronics to the event in April, 2024. The Orange Rotary Club volunteers will be handing out a Community Health Assessment to residents to take part in. This was created by the Town of Orange Health Department for improving and understanding the current health status of the community.

**Haz Waste Central at Regional Water Authority:** Patrick Legault and Ilene Moyher will volunteer on site at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday October 21, 2023.

**Other Old Business:** Susan Wineland inquired about any update regarding glass recycling at the Transfer Station that we spoke about several months ago. There has been no new development in finding anybody willing to do this.

#### **New Business:**

**Replacing Certain Transfer Station Signs:** We will review replacing signs at the Transfer Station that have gone missing or were damaged at our next meeting in October. These signs are mainly at the back part of the station.

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

**Orange Food Waste Recycling and Composting:** Michael Couden, owner of Country Disposal Services, made a presentation on Food Waste Recycling and Composting in Orange. The Recycling Committee feels the best option would be to have bins put at the Transfer Station for residents to dispose of their food waste instead of having home collection. Mark Moyher made a motion which was seconded by Patrick Legault to have our committee promote Food Waste Recycling and Composting at the Transfer Station. The motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 1 abstention (Susan Wineland).

**Discussion of Proposed Change to October Meeting Date:** Ilene Moyher made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded it to change our next meeting to October 4, due to a conflict with several members on October 18. It was approved unanimously.

**Other New Business:** Susan Wineland asked if we could involve the personnel at the Transfer Station to check the plastic bag shed to make sure items, other than plastic bags, were not going into the

collection bag and to remove any contaminants before tying up the bags. Mitch Goldblatt was going to reach out to Bob Brinton to ask for assistance with this.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 7:00PM (Special Meeting).

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Mark Moyher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher

Secretary