

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Approved MINUTES
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday September 21, 2022. The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

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

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Chris Prokop made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded to approve the minutes of August 17, 2022. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: We made a payment during the past month to Ardmore Printing for the new and improved Shredding Day signs.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

09/21/2022

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
Town of Orange	\$1,800.00	\$2,106.78
Ardmore Printing (Signs)	(\$438.35)	\$1,668.43

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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	70.71	-11.0%
August	77.61	64.23	-17.2%
September	71.87		
October	63.37		
November	82.89		
December	99.87		
YTD Total	619.63	557.95	-10.0%

**Simple Recycling
Textile Rates:**

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>		<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>2022</u>				<u>2021</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	640	\$0.0575	\$36.80	June	9,608	\$0.0575	\$552.46
July	456	\$0.0575	\$26.22	July	7,132	\$0.0575	\$410.09
August	450	\$0.0575	\$25.87	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	4,239	\$0.0575	\$243.73	YTD Total	76,335	\$0.0575	\$4,389.26

Old Business:

Plastic Bags and Wrap: The Recycling Committee has been keeping up with collecting the plastic bags and wraps and delivering them to Home Depot. Volunteer dates for the next month's pickup will be collected at each meeting by Mitch Goldblatt. All members will then be sent an email with the dates they signed up for as a reminder of who is doing the pickup and delivery on what day. It's very important we keep the 3 day a week schedule filled in order to ensure the shed won't get over crowded.

Orange Country Fair: We had a very successful booth once again at the Orange Country Fair. As expected lots of children showed up to spin the recycling wheel and answer the many questions put to them to engage and test their knowledge of recycling. The added incentive of receiving a free donut for their participation didn't hurt. Mark Moyher is very thankful to the committee members who volunteered at the booth. Everybody did an outstanding job and was very involved in the process with the children as well as the addressing the adults who stopped by with their own questions. A motion to pay \$22.29 for new stickers to pass out to the children at the Fair was made by Susan Wineland and seconded by Chris Prokop. It carried unanimously. Mark will reach out shortly to Nadine O'Brien to get the count of tickets we handed out for the donuts and an invoice to pay for them.

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. The Rotary Club is also sponsoring a diaper drive and the Orange Buy Nothing Group is setting up a items swap under the Pavilion. We received our order of 50 new signs for the event which will be placed around town on Sunday October 2nd to remind residents of the event from 9:00am until noon being held at HPCC. Mitch took care of the articles to be published in the Milford-Orange Times and Orange Town newspapers advertising the event. Ilene will post the details on the Recycling website as well.

HazWaste Day: We have been assigned Saturday October 15, 2022 to volunteer on. The location site is The Regional Water Authority located at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven. Mark Moyher and Chris Prokop will be volunteering on this date.

Cardboard Trailer: Chris Prokop reached out to Marcus Paper's President Steven Zamkov to see if they are willing to fund a structure to keep the weather elements from getting the cardboard wet. This will help maximum the money we can get paid for having an uncontaminated load. Chris Prokop will contact Sylvie Napoli, at Town Hall, to verify that we are indeed still being paid for the cardboard. Bob Brinton was brought up to date on this project and further conversations will be needed to put forth a proposal if Bob says it can be done. We hope Marcus Paper will cover the cost if it's approved by all parties. Even if they are only willing to pay some of the cost we will bring it to the First Selectmen, Jim Zeoli, to ask the town to cover the difference since it would benefit everybody.

Milford-Orange Times Articles: Loretta Smith recently had spinal surgery, but has decided to continue writing the articles for the paper as long as she's up to it.

New Business:

Glass Separation: Mith Goldblatt recently spoke with Bob Brinton about having glass recycling at the Transfer Station. At present, there's no timetable for this. The issues will be getting the Recycling Center (formally Oak Ridge) to provide the Transfer Station with the container and having enough space available to implement it. The other issue is Orange residents currently put glass in the blue recycling bins while Woodbridge does not have curbside pickup so their residents must bring all their glass to their Transfer Station making the program more successful.

Florescent Tube Recycling: A resident recently contacted Mith Goldblatt about collecting florescent tubes at the Transfer Station. While it can likely be done, it would then need volunteers to transport them to the Haz Waste Center for disposal. Batteries Plus is the only possible retailer who might accept them back for a small fee, but they would need to be contacted to confirm this.

Balloon Releases: There is no recycling available for balloons of any kind so we will try to encourage people on our website to avoid buying and releasing balloons into the sky. They are just going to be thrown away as trash.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Lara Wu and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary