

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
 Approved MINUTES
 Wednesday, October 4, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday October 4, 2023. The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

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

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Ilene Moyher made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of September 13, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: We paid the Affordable Solutions invoice of \$675 for Shredding Day and \$92.20 for treats we handed out at the Orange Country Fair.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

10/04/2023


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
Affordable Solutions	(\$675.00)	\$896.85
Cookies/Candy for Fair	(\$92.20)	\$804.65


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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: The recycling booth continues to be a success due to our wheel of recycling topics that the kids like to participate in and then receive a treat for answering our questions. Ilene Moyher has proposed we need an overhaul in updating the categories and questions as they have gotten stale and the rules of what is and isn't recyclable change frequently. I have made a note to review this and propose new ideas. Also, Susan Wineland had previously suggested that we might hold a free raffle to give away a compost container or two based on the cost next year.

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. Signs have been put up around town 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 pricing of collecting these items is not easily identifiable so Wendy Novick suggested the committee collect them and we do our own run to the Transfer Station to dispose of them. 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.

New Business:

Replacing and Adding Certain Transfer Station Signs: We will be replacing the Building Materials and Propane Tanks and Metal signs at the Transfer Station that have gone missing. We will also be creating a new sign for Food Scraps to be installed. For the big sign at the main entrance, we will remove the Motor Oil label and replace with a Foods Scraps for Composting label since we are presently unable to collect motor oil because of a contamination issue that needs to be addressed and fixed at some point. The designs will all get passed on to Steve Selby, at FastSigns to price up for us to approve at the next meeting.

Plastic Bags and Wrap Duty at the Transfer Station: The November 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, recently made a presentation on Food Waste Recycling and Composting in Orange. The Recycling Committee voted to promote Food Waste Recycling and Composting at the Transfer Station. Michael Couden, Bob Brinton, Mitch Goldblatt, Susan Wineland and Mark Moyher met at the Transfer Station to determine how to set it up and where the bins would go. There will be four bins put at the top of the Transfer Station in the space between the Goodwill and Tire trailers by Monday October 9 to start the program. Mitch Goldblatt is working on an article to run in the newspaper and Ilene Moyher is creating a flyer to be handed out at Shredding Day to help promote it.

Meeting Calendar: Mitch Goldblatt passed out the 2024 Meeting Calendar for the committee to review. Mark Moyher made a motion and Wendy Novick seconded to approve the calendar as it was presented to us. The calendar was approved unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:00PM

The special meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM after a motion by Patrick Legault, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher

Secretary