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ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting 2021 OCT 21 AM 8:30
Draft MINUTES
Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Patrick S. O'Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on October 20, 2021. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

In Attendance: Mitch Goldblatt, Loretta Smith, Mark Moyher, Patrick Legault, Chris Prokop and Susan Wineland.

Public Input: None

Minutes Approval: Loretta Smith made a motion and Susan Wineland seconded to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Update: Donations were made, Barker Specialty was paid for the rulers we ordered as a giveaway for our events, and Affordable Solutions was paid, for which we were promptly reimbursed by the Rotary Club for Shredding Day.

ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

10/20/2021	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
Rob and Pat McCorkle	\$100.00	\$3,460.60
Ken Lenz and Marianne Miller	\$50.00	\$3,510.60
Affordable Solutions	(\$625.00)	\$2,885.60
Reimbursement – Rotary Club	\$625.00	\$3,510.60
Barker Specialty – Rulers	(\$445.00)	\$3,065.60

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	77.61	7.4%
September	82.31	71.87	-12.7%
October	70.40		
November	87.92		
December	87.37		
YTD Total	732.29	691.50	-5.6%

**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	4,991	\$0.0575	\$286.98
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	67,002	\$0.0575	\$3,852.61

Old Business:

Orange Country Fair September 18-19, 2021: Thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to run the recycling booth as we had another successful year at the Country Fair. The wheel we spin to ask children recycling questions continues to remain a popular draw for us. We partnered with Nadine Gilbert again and handed out 395 tickets for donuts. Mark Moyher will follow up to get an invoice to pay for them. We also gave out wooden rulers with our logo and website to people who stopped by the booth.

Shredding Day – October 9, 2021: This event was successful, once again, as we collected 43 mattresses and shredded 10,980 pounds of paper brought by our residents. The Rotary Club, who generously funded this event, collected over \$2,000 in donations for the Scholarship Fund.

Haz Waste Days -October 16, 2021: Mark Moyher and Chris Prokop volunteered. They greeted many people, checking to see if they were already registered and then directed them to the drop off area. We hope the 17 participating towns will advertise more to inform their residents about updating their information on the Haz Waste website before arriving which would cut down on the wait time. We found that many people were unaware they could or should do this.

Tour of Oak Ridge Recycling Plant: The tour of the facility, located in Shelton, CT for the Orange Recycling Committee has been confirmed for Saturday October 30, 2021 at 9:00am. There should be at least 7 people and possibly as many as 10 people who will be on the tour.

Hanging of Sign at Transfer Station: A couple months ago, Loretta Smith's friend Tad was nice enough to hang up a sign for us at the Transfer Station, but he has not submitted an invoice for payment on this job. Mark Moyher provided Loretta his email address and asked that Tad submit one directly to him so a check can be made to pay for this service.

New Business:

Plastic Bag and Wrap: Ryan Gatewood from Oak Ridge seemed to indicate that plastic bags and wraps were not being recycled anymore by the Material Recovery Facilities around the state. Mitch was going to try and contact Shop Rite's Harry Garafalo to see if he can tell us where they are sending

the plastic collected at their store. Mitch also reached out to Sherrill Baldwin, at CT DEEP, to find out more information on this subject. Until further notice we will continue to sort out the plastic bags at the Transfer Station as we do not wish the plastic bags to end up in the trash.

Next Shredding Day-April 2, 2022: Mark Moyher made a motion and Loretta Smith seconded to approve this date for our next Shredding Day. It passed unanimously. We will explore creating signs to be put up at the entrance to properly direct people to the right spot for the event.

Meeting Calendar 2022: Chris Prokop made a motion and Patrick Legault seconded to approve the meeting calendar for 2022. It passed unanimously.

Transfer Station Update: A part-time employee was recently promoted to a full time position at the Transfer Station.

Branford Recycling Brochure: Susan Wineland brought a recycling brochure from Branford, CT to the meeting. It was very well designed and informed their residents all about recycling do's and don'ts in their town among other things. Mitch will scan and email all members of our committee a copy to review and see if it's something we might want to provide to our residents with next year.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM after a motion by Susan Wineland, seconded by Chris Prokop and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher
Secretary