

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
11/10/2021 - REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY
This meeting was held in person at the Town Hall Conference Room and via Zoom Conference call.
Conference Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81300463521>

MEETING ID 813 0046 3521 Option 2: Dial-in number: 1-929-205-6099

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

ATTENDANCE: In person: Cynthia Barrett, Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Garret Harlow, Lucy Hussman, and Patrick Reilly. Via Zoom: Rod Zander. Excused: Bob Valentine-First Selectman.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes of 10/13/2021 as amended with correction of the spelling of "sprig" to "spring" under **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul Collins reported the following:

1. Phone calls were received and taken care of with numerous inquiries of obtaining stickers for refrigerator pickup on the first Friday of the month. Residents were instructed to obtain the appropriate sticker from the Town Hall office prior to pickup.
2. DEEP was contacted in regard to obtaining current educational information on composting instructions for residential use. Paul reported that he will continue to try to connect with them to obtain up-to-date composting information.
3. Paul noted that he had spoken to some possible new members and had encouraged them to attend this evening.

OLD BUSINESS: The following was presented and discussed by the committee:

COMPOST BINS: Paul is checking on how to handle a refund \$3-4 to the compost bin purchasers as the purchase price had decreased. A request for a missing center post part to one of the bins was successfully taken care of.

USA WASTE: Paul is checking on the status of receiving Goshen's quarterly promotional materials which we are due per contract with them.

2022 RECYCLING EVENTS: Paul reported that all three vendors have been secured for **April 9, 2022**, Saturday and **October 1, 2022**, Saturday. The electronics recycling is by Take 2 Secure Electronics Recycling, paper shredding is handled by Shred Smart and mattress recycling by Bye Bye Mattress.

Paul asked members if there was another item that could be added to the event and members discussed the possibility of the collection of returnable cans/glass bottles by some Goshen organization or school class as a means of a fundraising event. Discussion was had about possibilities to explore and Paul asked members to consider other possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE: Paul had emailed the 2022 meeting schedule to members to review. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Garret Harlow, **it was VOTED** to adopt the 2022 Recycling and Trash Committee meeting schedule. Voted unanimous.

REDEMPTION CENTERS: Paul noted that the CT bottle & can redemption centers are listed on DEEP's website.

Garret shared information on one that is located in Oakville and it is Fran's Bottles and Can's, 115 Main Street and phone number is 203-217-5450.

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: Paul asked members for suggestions on any changes that might be made for the committee.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION:

Cindy reported that she will continue to post on social media of "Nextdoor" the following topics of **ELECTRONICS, PAPER SHREDDING AND MATTRESS EVENTS** and will continue to remind residents to save their electronics for the spring event and that they should not be placed in the trash bin.

Fabric recycling bins by Bay State Textiles will also be promoted.

Paul reported that he had met with Todd Carisullo, new First Selectman, and had updated him on the Recycling and Trash Committee's Annual Report, the issue of municipal solid waste (MSW) moving forward and our contract.

Discussion was had regarding MIRA and the importance of our assisting to remove items that do not belong in the solid waste stream.

The next meeting will be on December 8, 2021, Wednesday, at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett

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Attest Brian L. Blue
Goshen Town Clerk