

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
10/13/2021 - 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 6:35 PM.

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes of 09/08/2021. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul Collins reported the following:

RECYCLING EVENT: OCTOBER 2, 2021, Saturday, 9 AM to NOON - The electronics recycling by **Take 2 Secure Electronics Recycling**, paper shredding by **Shred Smart** and mattress recycling by **Bye Bye Mattress** was held at the Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School parking lot for the mattresses.

Paul reported that 92 cars came through for electronics, approximately 80 cars for paper shredding, and 50 mattresses were collected. The Town Hall offices was able to process many boxes of papers in need of shredding at the event and old electronics were recycled. In April 2021, the electronics filled 14-15 pallets and this event had 7 pallets. Paul reported one "huge" TV as compared to 3 at the April event and many, many desktops and computer equipment was brought in. Continued education that a printer does not go in the garbage bin but needs to be brought to these events and disposed of properly. This could be included in the next Goshen Town Topic article.

Discussion of 2022 recycling events was had and will be planned for the spring and fall. Union Bank sponsored the paper shredding and had two volunteers to assist at this event from 10:30 AM till noon.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY: Northwest Hills Council of Governments HHW Collection day was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the Torrington Middle School, 200 Middle School Road Torrington, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Members who volunteered were thanked. Clean Harbors, who were in charge of the event, did a proper, efficient job and the process of pre-registering, with some towns giving time slots, helped in spacing the cars. Clean Harbors had two lines of off-loading and Paul reported that this helped to keep the line of cars moving efficiently.

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Patrick Reilly, **it was VOTED** to add the agenda the RECYCLING ANNUAL REPORT under Recycling Coordinator Update. Voted unanimous.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH ANNUAL REPORT: Paul had emailed the report for the committee to review and discussion was had by the members with a few suggestions. It will be submitted.

Paul reported phone calls were received over the past month in regard to the Recycling Event and HHW Day.

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

COMPOST BINS: Paul reported that the 20 bins have been delivered to the front hall of the Town Hall and residents will be notified via email that they are here. The price of the bins went down by \$3-4 and it was discussed as to how to handle the refund when residents pick them up.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION: Cindy Barrett reported that she will continue to post on social media of "Nextdoor" the following topics:

ELECTRONICS, PAPER SHREDDING AND MATTRESS EVENTS: Continue to remind residents to save their electronics till the spring event and that they should not be placed in the trash bin. A "Save the Date" post was suggested to educate and encourage residents to hold electronics, papers and mattresses till early April.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY: Paul will investigate dates for the event for 2022 and whether the sprig event will be held in Falls Village as has been done in the past.

MATTRESSES: It was suggested to promote on the social media posts that box springs are also accepted.

Paul gave thanks to the great job of coordination that Darlene Krukar did at the HHW Day on behalf of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible new members will be invited to the next Recycling meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 10, 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 7:04 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Received Oct. 18, 2021 @ 1:27 P.M.

Attest *Brian L. Bley*
Goshen Town Clerk