

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
06/09/2021 - REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY

This meeting was held 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: Cynthia Barrett, Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Lucy Hussman, Patrick Reilly, Bob Valentine-First Selectman and Rod Zander.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Rod Zander, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes of 05/12/2021. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY: Paul reported that it was held on May 22, Saturday, 9 AM to Noon, in Falls Village, at Falls Village Public Works Garage and that over 300 cars were counted as participating and that about 50 were from Goshen.

Clean Harbors was the vendor for the event and Paul noted that it was well staffed as well as proper safety measures such as plastic protection for spills and that it was efficiently organized. Pictures of the event will be posted on the Recycling page of the Town website. An extremely large amount of old paint, mercury thermostats, smoke detectors and up to 20 pound propane tanks were collected.

OLD BUSINESS:

RECYCLING INITIATIVES: In an effort to decrease the amount of organic waste in the MSW-Municipal Solid Waste stream, Paul emailed members information on a possible compost bin, costs and composting information.

Discussion was had on how to market the compost bins to the residents, what composting means, and how to do organic waste reduction in Goshen without using a food waste pick-up company as is being done by area towns at their Transfer Stations. Swap shop ideas and yard waste removal ideas could be developed for the future. Bob suggested that we develop a program to do pre-ordering by residents for the composting bins and also have an event on composting with a speaker and demonstration.

Pat Reilly noted that the Committee had done a program in the past on composting with Cynthia Rabinowitz from the Northwest Conversation District and that having another speaker to present using Zoom as well could help offer the convenience of attending the program to residents. Paul asked if our next meeting will be in person and Bob updated the Committee that our next meeting will be a hybrid meeting offering in person attendance or via Zoom.

Paul will contact DEEP for a possible speaker and noted their you-tube videos are educational as well. Bob suggested that the compost bin being considered be purchased and used as part of the presentation. Possible times were discussed as options with Wednesday night at 7 PM and Saturday morning and reaching out to the Goshen Garden Club members to attend as well.

NEW BUSINESS: The suggestion from a resident of offering a very basic, educational recycling presentation, possibly by Sherill Baldwin from CT DEEP, with a question and answer period via Zoom was shared by Cindy.

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Attest Nancy MacMillan ASST
Goshen Town Clerk

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Pat Reilly questioned if USA Hauling is going to offer any educational opportunities to promote recycling according to our contract. Bob noted he is checking on this and will report back to the Committee.

Bob suggested that we proactively do some marketing in the grammar school and do an event for Earth Day next year and also continue to educate residents on recycling.

Bob reported that the Bottle Bill, S.B. 1037, has been passed and some provisions included an increase in the redemption rate on beverage containers from 5 to 10 cents starting January 2024 and an increase in the amount that redemption centers will receive per bottle to 3 1/2 cents starts this year.

Discussion was had about the need for a possible redemption center in the northwest corner, the importance of markets for clean glass, plastics and aluminum from the returnables.

Lucy suggested that we include a composting bin demonstration area at the October Electronics, Paper Shredding, and Mattress Recycling Saturday, October 2, 2021, 9 AM to Noon, at the Goshen Town Hall parking lot.

Discussion was had about the importance of the 2 fabric recycling bins in town to remove fabric from the waste stream, encouraging the use of composting bins to remove organic waste as well, the first Friday pick-up of metal, tires, etc., and bulk waste item pick-up.

Next meeting will be July 14, 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 7:11 PM. Voted unanimous. .

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Barrett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Cynthia Barrett