

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
10/13/2022 - MEETING - 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY
This meeting was held via Zoom and Conference Room

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

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance at Town Hall conference room: Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Cindy Barrett, Lucy Hussman, and Pat Reilly

Via Zoom: Garrett Harlow, Annette Lott, and Suzanne Rinaldi

Excused: Rod Zander

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to add to New Business - SMART and 2023 meeting schedule. Voted unanimous.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the Special Meeting, September 19, 2022, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul reported the following:

- **RECYCLING CONTRACT CLARIFICATION FOR GOSHEN RESIDENTS:** Paul noted, again, that with Rocco Carting becoming a competitor with U.S.A. Hauling, some residents after changing service, are still receiving misinformation about their recycling pick up from USA Hauling. Paul will address this with them and possibly have our First Selectman assist with this. Recycling bins will still be picked up as there is a contract with the town to provide recycling collection from USA Hauling.
- **Electronics Recycling, Mattress Recycling, and Shred-it Event:** The event was held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at the Goshen Town Hall parking lot for electronics collection and mattresses and shredding of paper was held in the Goshen Center School parking lot. Thanks was given to members who volunteered to help. Attendance seemed to be down possibly due to rain threat from Hurricane. Paul reported that 48 mattresses and box springs were collected. Reports for electronics and amount of paper shredded were not available yet.

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- **BENCH DEDICATION:** Dedication of the bench at the pollinator garden was held on 10/1/2022 at 11 AM at Town Hall. It was dedicated to Anders Nygren who was former Chairman of the Conservation Commission.
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY EVENT:** The event was held on Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9 AM to 2 PM at Torrington Water Resource Recovery Facility on Lower Bogue Road, Harwinton. Clean Harbors Environmental Services was the vendor, it was extremely well attended, and Paul will contact Rob Phillips from Northwest Hills Council of Governments to obtain a count of participants.

OLD BUSINESS:

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE: Cindy reported that the following reminders were on "Next-door" Social media:

- **Electronics Recycling, Mattress Recycling, and Paper shredding Event**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Event**

WEBSITE/TOWN TOPICS: No report at this time.

NEXTREX CHALLENGE: Paul reported that the challenge ended on October 1, 2022, and 1048 pounds of plastic film was collected. The goal to receive the bench was to collect 500 pounds. A big thank you to everyone who participated was expressed by Paul. A sign will be at the Town Hall entry expressing thanks and directing residents to continue to collect plastic films and deposit to grocery stores.

Discussion was had about the possibility of locating a dumpster for the continued collection of plastic films moving forward somewhere in Goshen and several possible ideas were discussed by members.

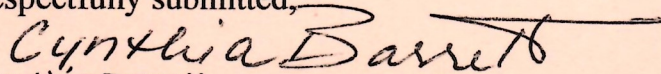
NEW BUSINESS: Paul briefly introduced the program called "SMART" - Save Money and Reduce Trash. The goal is to reduce municipal solid waste by 30 to 60%. Paul will share the document via email and asked members to review it for discussion at the November meeting.

Paul presented the 2023 meeting dates which are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman **it was VOTED** to adopt the 2023 meeting schedule. Voted unanimous.

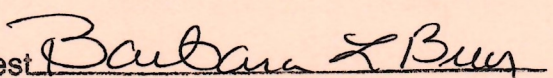
ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk



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2023 Recycling & Trash Meeting Schedule

2nd Wednesday each month @ 6:30

1/11/2023
2/8/2023
3/8/2023
4/12/2023
5/10/2023
6/14/2023
7/12/2023
8/9/2023
9/13/2023
10/11/2023
11/8/2023
12/13/2023

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Attest Barbara L. Bucy
Goshen Town Clerk