

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
06/08/2022 - MEETING - 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY

This meeting was held via Zoom and Conference Room at Town Hall

Conference Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89492638342>

MEETING ID: 894 9263 8342 Option 2: Dial-in number: 1-929-205-6099

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance at Town Hall conference room: Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, and Lucy Hussman.

Via Zoom: Cindy Barrett, Garrett Harlow, Annette Lott, Suzanne Rinaldi, Rod Zander, and Todd Carusillo-First Selectman.

Absent: Patrick Reilly

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the May 11 meeting, were emailed to members for review. **IN A MOTION** made by Rod Zander, seconded by Annette Lott, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul reported the following:

- **USA Hauling and Recycling:** A new resident reported to Paul that the Customer Service Department at USA Hauling's main telephone number instructed them to write to the Recycling Coordinator in Goshen to ask to obtain a recycling bin. Paul contacted the Winsted number and they are going to correct the misinformation for new bins for new residents. To obtain a recycling bin, simply contact Robert, USA Hauling, in Winsted at this number - 860-379-1662.
- **Monthly telephone communications:** Normal communication calls were had with Goshen residents.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Day:** The event was held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the Falls Village Public Works garage from 9 AM till noon. Paul reported that 188 families had signed up and 22 were from Goshen. He noted that about 150 cars attended and it was very busy from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Clean Harbors Environmental Services did a great job.
- **Random Acts of Clean-up weekend:** Roadside weekend clean-up was held on May 21 and 22, 2022, and Paul noted that ideally April would be the month to do it because of the lower growth of the grass and visibility of the trash to pick up. Erin Reilly was thanked for the job of organizing the event and all of the vest, gloves and bags. Paul asked if Garrett could update us on the roads that need the most attention.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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- **Nextrex Plastic Bag Challenge** - "Beyond the Bag" information
- **Scrap Metal and Tire Pickup** - First Friday of the month and July 1 was confirmed as the next pick up and residents should call Robert at 860-379-1662 to arrange this.
- **Electronics Recycling** - Save your items for October 1, Saturday at Goshen Town Hall parking lot.
- **Mattress Recycling** - Save mattresses and box springs for October 1 as well.
- **Composting** - A picture of a 3 bin cedar unit and tumblers were posted to engage residents about composting.

WEBSITE/TOWN TOPICS: Paul reported the following:

- **Fabric Recycling:** An article on promoting fabric recycling will be in the current issue of the Goshen Town Topics Summer 2022 issue.
- **NEXTREX CHALLENGE UPDATE:** Paul reported the following:
 - **Recycle beyond the Bag:** 410 pounds of plastics have been collected as of 6/7/2022. The goal is 500 pounds and congrats to all! The mailing, signs and word of mouth have been very successful in getting the word out. Todd shared that it would be good to share the exact location of the Camp Coch bin on social media as a resident had asked him about the location. Paul noted that only 1 bench can be obtained with the challenge and perhaps we close the challenge when 500 lbs is met. He asked for ideas on signage to be placed to explain that the challenge has been met and suggestions moving forward to dispose of the plastics. **IN A MOTION made by Cindy Barrett, seconded by Rod Zander, to continue the plastic collection challenge to October 1 as advertised to residents for the challenge.** A lengthy discussion was had by members. **It was VOTED to accept the motion.** Coverage will be needed for pickups during the summer vacation months.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul noted that he will be attending the CT Recycling Coalition Conference in Hartford from 8 AM to 1 PM, June 9, and he will give a report at the next meeting of what was presented. Todd asked that the Boy Scout Camp contact be contacted regarding recycling. Business recycling in town was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Garrett Harlow, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk