

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
05/10/2022 - MEETING - 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY
This meeting was held via Zoom Conference call only.

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 6:31 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Via Zoom: Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, Patrick Reilly, Suzanne Rinaldi, and Rod Zander.

Excused: Cindy Barrett

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the April 13 meeting and special meeting of April 26, were emailed to members for review. **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul reported the following:

- Normal communication calls were had with Goshen residents.
- **Compost bin update:** 12 orders have been received and there was a price increase of \$2.40. Original price for the bins was quoted as \$72.50.
- “Nickle for Nips” - \$955 was received by Goshen from the new Connecticut law that taxes nip liquor bottles a nickle. Goshen will receive this amount twice a year and monies can be used for recycling or a street sweeper. **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi **it was VOTED** to subsidize \$2.40 toward the increase in compost bins. Voted unanimous.
- **Sustainable Goshen Event:** Friday, June 3, 2022, at 5 PM Sustainable Goshen will be hosting an event at Camp Coch which will bring together all groups in town with about 50 participants being invited. Paul reported that he will be speaking at the event about recycling and composting to lower taxpayer waste. Other topics will include town tree project, pollinator pathways, and making hiking trails available to all. Paul reported that he and Cindy Barrett will be attending and that two others from RATS would be

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Annette Lott and Lucy Hussman will be in attendance as well for other groups.

OLD BUSINESS:

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:

- Paul reported that Cindy posted the usual recycling information on Next-door.
- **Random Acts of Clean-up weekend:** May 21 and 22, was also posted.
- Goshen Recreation Department has also promoted the **Clean-up weekend** via their emails and Erin Reilly from Goshen Community Care and Hospice is also promoting the event.

WEBSITE/TOWN TOPICS:

- **Clean-up weekend:** Paul reported that it was posted on the Recycling page of the website and will be placed on the "News" items as well which does reach subscribers to the town website. It is easy to click on and sign-up for a specific road of choice. Questions should be directed to **Erin Reilly - Goshen Community Care and Hospice** - and she will be distributing the vests, gloves and bags on Friday, May 20, at Congregational Church at the rotary. Thank you to Fay & Wright and the Fire Equipment Company for donations of the vests. Goshen Public Works Department will be in charge of picking up the collected bags of trash and recyclables.
- **Goshen Town Topics:** Paul reported he submitted the usual information and the **Nextrex Challenge Plastic Bag Challenge** information. 225 pounds of plastics have been collected since the beginning of April! All three locations are being used regularly. Paul will try to chart to amounts of trash, recycling and plastics to look for changes.
- **Fabric Recycling:** The next recycling item to be worked on is educating about proper recycling of fabrics as Paul noted that 21,000 pounds of fabrics were collected in the two bins in Goshen last year.. Any ideas will be shared with Paul and perhaps a challenge could be done for this as well under the Random Acts.

NEXTREX CHALLENGE UPDATE: Covered above under Goshen Town Topics discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: Sustainable Goshen invitation covered above under Recycling Coordinator Update.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Received May 16, 2022 @ 11:53 AM
Attest *Robert A. Z. Brown*
Goshen Town Clerk