

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
04/13/2022 - 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/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 6:33 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In person: Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Lucy Hussman, and Patrick Reilly

Via Zoom: Cindy Barrett, Annette Lott, Suzanne Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

Excused: Garret Harlow

Guests via Zoom: Judi Armstrong

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the March 9, regular meeting and March 22, special meeting were emailed to members for review. Lucy Hussman made a correction in the 3/9 minutes that the next meeting was noted as "March 13" when it should actually be April 13. **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes, with the correction. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Paul reported the following:

- Sustainable Goshen - Paul shared that he has been appointed to Sustainable Goshen because he is the Recycling Coordinator and Sustainable Goshen will work with the Town to accomplish sustainable practices and events in Goshen. The suggestion for Recycling is to create a composting event be it training, methodology, workshops or countertop collection containers. The Sustainable CT "Go Fund Me" would be utilized to fundraise and involve the community in the process.. A memorandum is required to be submitted and matching funds are available. Paul noted that the minimum cost of a collection container is about \$20 and if 1000 residents participated it would be about \$20,000. Paul asked that members consider ideas and share them via email.
- Goshen Housing Trust - Village Marketplace - Review of the commercial and residential recycling bins was had and Paul shared that he has contacted USA Hauling and is going to be meeting with representatives from the Goshen Housing Trust regarding the Plastic Recycling bin placement and the recycling bins and dumpsters at the Marketplace.
- Region 6 Goshen Center School Solid Waste and Recycling Dumpsters - Paul verified that the solid waste and recycling dumpsters outside the school are the property of Region 6. Paul will be contacting the principal of the school regarding these dumpsters and specifics about what should not be place in the recycling dumpster such as plastic bags full of papers.

OLD BUSINESS:

RECYCLING EVENT STATS:

- **Electronics** - 12 pallets were collected of miscellaneous electronics.
- **Mattresses** - 55 mattresses were collected and appeared to be very old.
- **Plastic films** - will be reported below.
- **Paper shredding** - Thanks were given to Torrington Savings Bank for sponsoring the truck. The location of the truck in the school parking lot was successful.
- **Big thanks were given to everyone for helping!!!** The tents were a plus especially when the hail hit!
- **NEXTREX CHALLENGE - BIN STATUS:**

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- 105 pounds of plastics films were collected Saturday and more were dropped off at the Town Hall bin and Camp Cochipianee bin over the weekend. Paul reported that the bags of the films are dropped off, one by one, at the grocery store collection bins for disposal where they start their journey to be recycled.
- More information about what is acceptable and not acceptable for the plastics will be posted on the town website and Paul will enlist the help of the Recreation Department to help send emails and the Goshen Center School will help send emails too. 20 pounds of plastics need to be collected per week to reach the 500 pound goal by October. Paul will also contact John McKenna from the Republican-American paper to get a press release regarding the plastic challenge details.
- Paul suggested creating a "thermometer poster" by using local artistic talent to show the status of the amount of plastics being collected. Ideas will be share.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE: Cindy Barrett reported that she had made posts on Next-door. They included the following:

- **Electronics Event** - "Get your electronics ready- April 9, 2022" post was done specifically for electronics with a link directly to the Goshen Town website.
- **Electronics, Mattress & Paper Shredding Event** - General post was done and it will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Goshen Town Hall from 9 AM to Noon, with a link directly to the Goshen Town website.
- **Mattress recycling** - with a link directly to the Goshen Town website.
- **Appliance, Scrap Metal and Tire Pickup** - The next pickup is Friday, May 6, 2022, and residents should call 860-379-1662 to arrange for pickup and a link to the Goshen Town website as well.
- **Plastic film recycling challenge** information and composting posts - these will be done.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** - June 4, 2022, Saturday, 9 AM to Noon, in Falls Village, at the Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, and it will be handled by Clean Harbors. Residents must call Goshen Town Hall for a ticket - 860-491-2308 x228. It is also posted on the Goshen Town website with all of the details of what are acceptable items.
- **Facebook Goshen Chatter** - Cindy will get these posts on Chatter as well.

Question was asked as to was any tracking done on where participants came from and discussion was had. It is open regionally and it was felt that Goshen Town Topics was a good source of getting the information publicized as an attempt to ask where people heard about the event as they waited to have their electronics unloaded was done.

WEBSITE/GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS: No report this meeting.

EARTH DAY - GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL - USA HAULING EVENT: April 29, 2022, Friday. Paul shared that all is set.

Discussion of a possible Goshen road clean-up for Earth Day was discussed and will be researched for possibly this year or moving forward. Community Care and Hospice offered to assist in getting information out to residents.

NEW BUSINESS: Judi Armstrong shared that an article appeared in the Republican American regarding the Community Wellness Day that was held at Church of Christ Congregational. Details in the article need to be clarified on the plastic challenge and a new press release from the Recycling Committee was suggested. Paul suggested getting information on the radio as well.

The next meeting will be on May 11, 2022, Wednesday, at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: IN A MOTION made by Cindy Barrett, seconded by Annette Lott, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest Parise H. Thorne ~~Asst.~~ Asst.
Goshen Town Clerk