

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS**  
**03/09/2022 - 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 6:30 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**In person:** No one in person at Town Hall due to snowstorm

**Via Zoom:** Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Todd Carusillo-First Selectman, Cindy Barrett, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, Patrick Reilly, and Rod Zander

**Excused:** Garret Harlow, and Suzanne Rinaldi

**Guests via Zoom:** Judi Armstrong, Madi Flynn and Brigitte Michaud

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

**IN A MOTION** made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Rod Zander, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes of 02/09/2022. Voted unanimous.

**RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE:** Paul reported the following:

- Paul noted that the Committee has two new members that were appointed by our Selectman - Annette Lott and Suzanne Rinaldi. Paul welcomed the new members to the recycling team, thanked them for volunteering, and members shared some background about themselves.
- Phone calls were received, usually right after the first Friday of the month pick-up, with inquiries regarding disposal of washing machines, dishwashers, and refrigerators. Paul noted that the next **"Appliance, Scrap Metal and Tire Pickup"** is Friday, April 1, 2022, and residents should call 860-379-1662 to arrange for pickup. New resident calls were also received.
- Paul noted that there is a new marketing contact at USA Hauling, April, and he has been in contact with her regarding scheduling the Earth Day event in April at Goshen Center School. They are also working on fliers for the quarterly marketing programs that are called for in the contract with USA.
- Discussion was had about the MIRA plant in Hartford. Paul reported that the February pick up was 88 tons of municipal solid waste and 22 tons of recycling.
- No communication were received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:** Cindy Barrett reported that she had made posts on Next-door and shared them via email with members. 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, April 1, 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.
- **Paint recycling** was discussed and Paul reported that the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** has been scheduled for 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.

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**WEBSITE/GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS:**

- Paul reported that he made updates to the recycling page on the town website and that the Goshen Town Topics is at the printer now and will be in our mailboxes next week. Included in the Topics are the Electronics, Shredding and Mattress Event, the plastics challenge and composting.
- Discussion of offering the compost bins to residents again was had and the possibility of having a bin at the April recycling event at Town Hall.
- A comprehensive discussion was had regarding the layout for the April event. Paul reported that we will be dealing with electronics, paper shredding, mattresses, plastic films, composting and as well, Sustainable Goshen would like to also participate. Suggestions were offered by members in regard to traffic concerns, parking for residents, and tables with information. Paul will review the layout before the event and will email members. First Selectman - Todd Carusillo - suggested offering a map on the Town website and having a map at the event. Paul will review signage needed for the event.
- Volunteers for April 9 - Members and residents who offered to assist will receive an email with information from Paul.

**RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG CHALLENGE:** Starts April 9, 2022.

**EARTH DAY - GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL - USA HAULING EVENT:** April 22, 2022, Friday.

- Rod Zander asked about the availability of recycling bins at the Village Marketplace apartments. Paul will contact the Goshen Housing Trust for details about this.
- Further discussion was had about paint recycling by members. A link for [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) is on the Town website.
- First Selectman - Todd Carusillo reminded the members of the importance of proper recycling and the idea of composting and sharing this with residents.
- Paul shared information that Goshen Center School and Recreation Department will assist in emails with getting information out about recycling initiatives.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2022, Wednesday, at 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Rod Zander, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cynthia Barrett

Received March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 9:30 PM

Attest Daniel H. Thune

Goshen Town Clerk