

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS

12/13/2023 - MEETING - 7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY

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

CALL TO ORDER: Todd Carusillo, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance Town Hall Conference Room: Todd Carusillo, Acting Chairman - First Selectman, Cindy Barrett, and Suzanne Rinaldi

Via Zoom: Garrett Harlow, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, Sue Rinaldi and Rod Zander.

Via Phone: Patrick Reilly

Guest: Paul Collins

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on November 8, 2023, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous. Noted on the 2024 Meeting Schedule that dates should be March 13 and August 14, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Todd Carusillo, Acting Chairman - First Selectman, reported the following:

- ***Recycling Coordinator Position*** - Todd reported that there is a resident who may have interest in applying for this position. The position had been advertised in the Republican American newspaper.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **FoodCycler - MUNICIPAL FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM** - Todd reported that he, Paul, and other members of the Committee attended the Zoom presentation held on 11/15 with the Food Science company. Discussion was had on aspects of the countertop FoodCycler machine and how it works by grinding and dehydrating food waste to decrease weight ultimately in the municipal waste stream. Rod has a similar unit, Lomi, and shared how it works by drying the food waste out and he places it in his garden. It can be placed in the trash as well and has the advantage that it weighs less. Details of the promotion from this company were reviewed for 100 FoodCyclers and details are being worked on. Paul Collins, former Recycling Coordinator, reported that it is going to be possible to get a unit for demonstration and see how it works. Members thought this was a good idea. Discussion was had on how to promote this to residents through advertising, amount of waste that will be removed from waste stream, how the end product can be used as an amendment to soil and the distinction that the end product is not compost. Discussion was had on the amount of

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composters that were offered by the Committee in the past and that about 125 composters were purchased by Goshen residents. It was noted that this might be an alternative choice for residents who were concerned about bears and having a composter on their property. Paul noted there is a timeline associated with the program offering and the offer expires February 1, 2024.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Cindy reported the following will be posted on Next-door Social Media and on Goshen Chatter on Facebook as well and asked if members had any other suggestions for posts:
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 - 1. **Link for Recycling Information** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - 2. **Plastic Bag Recycling Link** - Bring to grocery store collection bins. For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/pages/recycling-plastic-bags>
 - 3. **Link for Recycling Day Pick-up Calendar** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
 - 4. **Appliance, Scrap metal and Tire Recycling** - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up. Next one is Friday, January , 2024.
 - 5. **2024 Recycling Events** - A reminder for the upcoming 2024 Electronics Recycling, Mattress and Paper shred date will be posted and Household Hazardous Waste Day, June 8, 2024, and October 19, 2024, will be posted.
 - 6. **Take 2 Electronics** - Idea to post the website for those residents who would like to immediately dispose of they old electronics rather than waiting till April or October.
 - 7. **Fertilizer** - Todd asked about how to properly dispose of fertilizer. Is it a Household Hazardous Waste Day material? It will be looked into.
 - 8. **Paintcare Program** - Idea to post the website with information on how to recycle paint.
- **Website/Town Topics** - Calendars were updated and a future article for the Goshen Town Topics will be submitted appropriately for the next issue. The Recycling Coordinator was in charge of updating website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Todd suggested the continued need for proper education of all recycling options and proper trash disposal in regard to the 60 commercial dumpsters that are in use in Goshen. Construction site dumpsters were discussed as well to take care of proper removal of construction waste.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest

[Signature]
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk