

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
11/13/2024 - MEETING - 7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY

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

CALL TO ORDER: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance at Town Hall Conference Room: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator and Cindy Barrett

Via Zoom: Garret Harlow and Annette Lott

Excused: Lucy Hussman, Pat Reilly and Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 10/9/2024, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Annette Lott, seconded by Garret Harlow, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator - reported the following:

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:** Phone calls were received regarding the following:
 - Liza reported that a new resident called regarding how to dispose of a metal chiminea type object. Liza educated them to contact USA Hauling for the first Friday of the month metal pick up.
 - Another resident called regarding the 2025 Recycling Mattress days and Liza let them know that the dates have not yet been determined.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:**

October 19, 2024, Saturday - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - 8:30 am to 2 pm - Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton, CT - residents registered by calling Town Hall to receive a ticket - 860-491-2308 x228 or register on line.

 - Liza reported that she was not able to attend but the report received noted 498 vehicles attended, 54 were from Goshen and of those 54, 27 registered in person and 27 used the new online system.
- **OTHER REPORTS:** None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **UPCOMING RECYCLING EVENTS:**
 - Liza reported that planning for 2025 recycling events will be done with the usual April and October times for electronics, paper shredding and mattresses and box springs and the two dates for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days are also being determined for 2025.
 - Signage for events - Discussion was had on directional 2-sided lawn signs for electronics, paper shred, and mattresses/boxspring days. 6 signs maybe needed.

IN A MOTION made by Garret Harlow, seconded by Annette Lott, **it was VOTED** to allocate funds up to \$100 for lawn signage for the Recycling Events. Voted unanimous.

- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** No report at this time.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** Winter 2024 issue due date is Monday, November 18. Discussion was had and Liza reported that she is working on a "checklist" type of article of what is recyclable and what is not. Liza asked members to please share any ideas via email.

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- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following were posted on Next-Door social media website for Goshen neighborhoods:
 - **FABRIC RECYCLING BINS** - 2 locations in Goshen and bins are provided by Baystate Textiles. Visit ...<https://www.baystatetextiles.com>
 - **PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING** - Reminder to bring clean films to grocery store collection bins. Image of proper films posted for clarification.
Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/pages/recycling-plastic-bags>
 - **LINK FOR RECYCLING INFORMATION** - Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - **PAINTCARE PROGRAM** - Visit ... <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 - **"WHAT'S IN/WHAT'S OUT"** - Visit ... www.recyclect.com to learn about recycling in Connecticut.
 - **LINK FOR RECYCLING DAY PICKUP CALENDAR** - Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
 - **APPLIANCE, SCRAP METAL AND TIRE PICKUP DAY** - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up. *Next one is Friday, December 6, 2024.*
 - **BEAR RESISTANT BINS** - Suggested to contact their trash hauler if bears have been a problem to get details on obtaining a bin and associated cost.
 - **COUNTERTOP COMPOSTING MACHINE** - Shared option of this to keep food organics out of the waste stream if outdoor composting methods cannot be used. Posted a link to an article for 5 Best Electric Kitchen Composters.
 - **WORM COMPOSTING** - Shared article from wormfarmguru.com on the Can-O-Worms composter.
 - **2025 RECYCLING EVENTS FOR GOSHEN** - Reminder to check Goshen Town Website in January for dates.
 - **TAKE2RECYCLE.COM** - Suggested to contact them directly if a resident could not wait till spring to make arrangements to drop off electronics in Waterbury.
 - **COMPOSTING AND ORGANICS RECYCLING** - Posted link to <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/waste-management-and-disposal/organics-recycling/composting-and-organics-recycling> for information on the importance of these practices to keep organics out of the solid waste stream.
- **COMPOSTING IDEAS:** Liza reported the continued use of her Lomi machine. Liza also reported that she watched the video from CCM on food waste that First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, had shared. Cindy will share that email with video again with members. Cindy reported that she has obtained from a friend a small worm composter, Can-O-Worms, and will report next month. She plans on watching videos for instructions. Annette shared that she can assist with any questions on worm composting as she has been doing it. Cindy reported that her compost tumbler is also working well.
- **PLASTIC FILMS:** Liza reported that she had done research on the plastics that are recyclable. It was suggested that following the guide list supplied by Trex which is on the town website is the best approach.
- **2025 MEETING DATE SCHEDULE:** Liza reported that the meeting schedule was created with meetings being held at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of the month with the following dates: 1/8, 2/12 (possible holiday???), 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/2, 12/10 and 1/14/2026.

IN A MOTION made by Garrett Harlow, seconded by Cindy, **it was VOTED** to accept the meeting schedule for 2025. as presented. Voted unanimous.

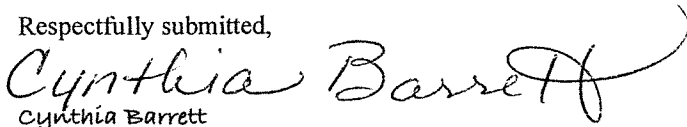
NEW BUSINESS: Liza reported that the figures for the budget of expected costs for the coming year for Goshen are \$225,000 for MIRA and \$117,000 for Recycling. Cost per ton is projected to be \$181.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

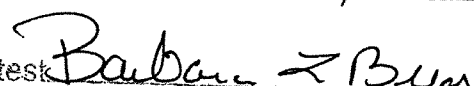
The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Cindy Barrett, seconded by Annette Lott, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett

Received Nov. 14, 2024 @ 1:19 P.M.

Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk