

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
10/09/2024 - 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 7:01 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance Town Hall Conference Room: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator, Cindy Barrett, and Lucy Hussman.
Via Zoom: Garret Harlow, Annette Lott, and Sue Rinaldi. **Excused:** Pat Reilly and Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 09/11/2024, 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.

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:** Phone calls were received regarding the October 5, 2024, Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event and basic questions of where it was being held and acceptable item questions.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:** *October 5, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event - 9 am to noon - Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School.* Liza reported that the weather was perfect and a good turnout.
 - 116 cars were counted on the Take-2 side - Goshen Town hall parking lot.
 - 3.1 tons (6,210 pounds) of electronics were collected, kept out of the solid waste stream, and properly disposed of.
 - 53 mattresses were collected by Bye-Bye Mattress on the Goshen Center School Parking lot side.
 - Shred-it paper report - Liza is waiting on this report but shared the observation of many cars with papers being directed to the Goshen Center School side.
 - Discussion was had on the successful location of the Take-2 truck on the far side of the parking lot for good traffic control.
 - Discussion was had on the need for more lawn signs for the road for electronics, paper shred-it, and mattresses. This will be researched.
- **OTHER REPORTS:** None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **UPCOMING 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 please register by calling Town Hall to receive a ticket - 860-491-2308 x228 or register on line. Liza noted that the new flier regarding this event is on the Goshen Town website with the QR code to sign up, details, and acceptable and non-acceptable items.

- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that the new flier is on the Goshen Town website for the 10/19/2024 event.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** Winter 2024 issue due date is November 25. Discussion was had on ideas for the next submission that could include a checklist with all of the items and events that are being held on proper recycling practices in Goshen. Information on amounts collected, what is being collected from electronics down to fabrics.. Liza will draft a submission for Winter 2024 issue of Goshen Town Topics.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following will be posted on Next-Door social media website and that reports received on posts being viewed are in the 300's:
 - ***Fabric Recycling Bins*** - 2 locations in Goshen and bins are provided by Baystate Textiles - visit <https://www.baystatetextiles.com>
 - ***Plastic Bag Recycling Link*** - Bring to grocery store collection bins. For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/pages/recycling-plastic-bags>
 - ***Link for Recycling Information*** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash> was put in the comments for the posts that these posts are being done on behalf of the Recycling and Trash Committee.
 - ***Paintcare Program*** - visit <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 - ***What's in? What's out?*** - visit www.recyclect.com to learn about recycling in Connecticut.
 - ***2024 Recycling Events*** - A reminder for the upcoming event on **October 19, 2024, Saturday - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - 8:30 am to 2 pm - Torrington, Bogue Road**
 - ***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, November 1, 2024.**
 - ***Link for Recycling Day Pick-up Calendar*** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
 - ***Bear Resistant Bins*** - Suggested to contact trash haulers if bears have been a problem to get details on obtaining a bin.
 - ***Reminder: "Please, please, please" No white plastic or garbage bags or other plastic films in recycling bin*** - educated on not placing returnable deposit soda cans/bottles in white garbage bags in the recycling bin.
 - ***Counter top Compositing*** - Sharing option of this to keep food organics out of the waste stream if outdoor composting methods cannot be used.
 - ***Worm composting*** - Will share info on this option.
- **COMPOSTING:** Sue reviewed her continued success with her food counter Food cyler composter and the need to balance dry to moist additions. Too much moisture laden items do need a second cycle. Liza reported her continued use of her machine with weighing her waste from 50 pounds of organic matter to 10-15 pounds. Cindy reported that she is going to start to use a small worm composter and will report. Discussion was had by members as to offering compost tumblers again like the Recycling and Trash Committee did 2 years ago and research this option.
- **PLASTIC FILMS:** Liza reported that 20 pounds of plastic films were collected at the event on October 5. Thanks were given to those dropped off their plastics and the basics that the films use be clean, dry, and empty. The flier for proper plastic films which is on the Goshen Town Website was reviewed.

Further research will be done on the plastics. Discussion was had on offering collection again at the spring event, are frozen vegetables bags acceptable ???, questions were asked at the event, and research will be done on the proper plastic films. Report will be given at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

INA MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett

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ASst. Goshen Town Clerk