

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
09/11/2024 - 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, Pat Reilly, and Sue Rinaldi
Via Zoom: Cindy Barrett, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, and Rod Zander **Excused:** Garret Harlow

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 07/10/2024, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, 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 first Friday of the month pick-up day for some metal items that a resident wanted to dispose of, (*note: residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange this pick-up-next one is Friday, October 4, 2024*), the need for a second recycling bin, and information on recycling mattresses. Liza shared that residents can contact USA Recycle directly at 860-379-1662 to obtain an extra bin and mattresses will be collected at the October 5 Recycling event at Goshen Town Hall parking lot.

REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS: See upcoming recycling events under Old Business.

- **OTHER REPORTS:** None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **UPCOMING 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. Discussion was had regarding collecting recyclable plastic films at this event and Liza reported that contact was made with Stop and Shop on East Main Street in Torrington and they will take a "bulk" drop off.

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.

An email will be done to members for availability to volunteer at these two upcoming events in October..

- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that updates and corrections were done with former Recycling Coordinator, Paul Collins, on the Recycling page on the Goshen Town website.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** Fall 2024. Liza submitted the advertisement for the October 5 and October 19 events as mentioned above under "Upcoming Recycling Events". She also included information on recyclable plastic films collection for October 5th event.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following were posted on Next-Door social media website:
 - ***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.recyclelect.com to learn about recycling in Connecticut.
 - ***2024 Recycling Events*** - A reminder for the upcoming events included:
 - October 5, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event - 9 am to noon*
 - October 19, 2024, Saturday - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - 8:30 am to 2 pm*
 - ***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, October 4,, 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.
 - ***Reminder: "Please, please, please" No white plastic 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*** - included link to a Good Housekeeping article reviewing machines available. This helps keep food organics out of the waste stream if old fashioned composting methods cannot be used.

Sue shared her experience with using ammonia for a client to deter bears with no success but a Goshen resident responded to the bear post and shared they had success with spraying ammonia on trash bin. She helped obtain a bear resistant bin for her client and the bear made one visit and learned he could not get into the trash bin!

- **COMPOSTING:** Sue Rinaldi reported great success with her recently purchased electric Food Cycler for countertop composting of food waste. She immediately started using it and in the first week put it through 4 cycles. The end product was like coffee grounds except for the cycle that contained peels and seeds of a cantaloupe. It did contain moisture and she added more food waste and ran it on another cycle.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinald, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Received Sept. 17, 2024 11:44 AM

Attest *[Signature]*
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk