

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
06/12/2024 - 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 7:02PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance Town Hall Conference Room: Liza Albreada-Recycling Coordinator, Cindy Barrett, Pat Reilly, and Sue Rinaldi

Via Zoom: Lucy Hussman, and Annette Lott

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 04/10/2024, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Pat Reilly, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted **unanimous**.

No meeting was held in May.

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

• **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:**

Numerous phone calls were received regarding how to obtain the ticket for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day that was held this past Saturday in Falls Village. Liza reported that the turnout was good. She also reported that a few new residents called in regards as to how to obtain a recycling cart.

April 6, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event - was held 9 am to noon, Goshen Town Hall parking lot and Goshen Center School parking lot, North Street. Liza shared that she had no new information on the event to report. Details were covered at the 4/10/2024 meeting.

April 20 & 21, 2024, Saturday and Sunday - Earth Day and Roadside Clean-Up Weekend - Liza reported that she still is in need of contacting *Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation Director*, for details on how the clean-up weekend went. Members did participate, trash was out there to pick up, and Pat Reilly reported that numerous "nips" bottles and returnable 10 cent aluminum cans were collected according to the cards returned that Erin had included in the packet that residents received.

June 8, 2024, Saturday - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - 8:30 am to noon - Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, Falls Village, CT - Liza reported that she, Rod and Cindy volunteered and it was nonstop busy from 8:30 to 11:30. Liza will obtain details on the event and will report at the next meeting. Discussion was had regarding the importance of keeping the hazardous waste out of the regular waste stream.

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. Liza suggested that residents please hold on to the hazardous items if they are cleaning out garages, etc. over the summer.

October 5, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event - 9 am to noon - Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School. A good turnout is expected. Sue reminded members that we were considering doing a plastic film collection on that day as well. Discussion was had regarding how to organize this with regard to where to dispose

of films at a local grocery store. Annette suggested checking into this and promoting. Contact will be made with former Recycling Coordinator, Paul Collins, for advice.

- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that updating needs to be done and she will be contacting Paul Collins in regards to this.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** The Summer 2023 Goshen Town Topics was received this past week in the mail by residents and the next *Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day* in October and *Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event* in October were included.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following will be posted on Next-door Social Media and Goshen Chatter:
 - *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>
 - *Paintcare Program* - visit <https://www.paintcare.org/>
Discussion was had of being able to take 5 cans to a local paint stores with this program. Sue and Annette shared ideas/concerns. Empty cans go in the trash. Further discussion was had about this and research will be done.
 - *What's in? What's out?"* - visit www.recyclect.com to learn about recyclables in Connecticut.
 - *2024 Recycling Events* - A reminder for the upcoming Electronics Recycling, Mattress and Paper shred date will be posted and Household Hazardous Waste Day in October will be posted.
 - *Appliance, Scrap metal and Tire Recycling* - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up.
 - *Link for Recycling Day Pick-up Calendar* - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
 - *Bear Resistant Bins* - Visit <https://www.usarecycle.com/residential/bear-resistant-rollout-cart>

Sue asked about posting plastic films collection at the Shred It event. Discussion was had and Liza will check into details before it is posted.

- **GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM:** Liza will be organizing this for the fall when school returns.
- **OTHER:** None.

NEW BUSINESS: Liza noted that in the Summer Goshen Town Topics, First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, reminded residents to please recycle properly and not to dispose of metal in the collection bins. Also items like tires, scrap metals, and refrigerators/freezers are picked up on the first Friday of the month. Liza noted that it is important to please try to compost, use a food recycler, and contact will be made with Litchfield in regards to participating in their food scrap recycling. Discussion was had in regards to organic waste collection possibilities and plastic film recycling.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, ,


Cynthia Barrett

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk