

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
12/10/2025 - 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 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Zoom: Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, Sue Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

Excused: Garret Harlow

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the last meeting, held on October 8, 2025, 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:** Liza reported that a few phone calls had been received with questions regarding their recyclables not being picked up. Liza followed up to USA and got it taken care of.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:**
 - **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY:** This event was held on November 8, 2025, Saturday, 8:30 AM till 2 PM, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton. Registration was required to participate and was done by calling 860-491-2308 x228. Residents could visit the Town Website for more information...<https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash> No report at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RECYCLING EVENTS - UPDATES FOR 2026 EVENTS:**
 - **ELECTRONICS, SHRED-IT (PAPER), AND MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING COLLECTION EVENTS** - Liza reported that she will be scheduling these in January 2026 for spring and fall.
 - **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS:**
 - This event is scheduled for June 20, 2026, Saturday, 8:30 AM to 12 Noon, Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, Falls Village, CT. Registration is required to participate and can be done by calling 860-491-2308 x228. Visit the Town Website for more information...<https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - **October 24, 2026** - Saturday - 9 am to 2 pm, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton, CT
- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported it is up to date and she will be posting the 2026 Recycling Calendar.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:**
 - 2026 Recycling Calendar was submitted to Virginia Perry to be included in the next issue.
 - 2026 Recycling events will also be included in the next issue

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following were posted on Next-Door social media website:
 - **APPLIANCE, SCRAP METAL AND TIRE PICKUP DAY** - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up. Reminder was done for Friday, January 2, 2026. <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-coordinator/pages/scrap-metal-and-tire-pickup>
 - **LINK FOR GOSHEN RECYCLING INFORMATION** - Visit Goshen Town website ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - **"WHAT'S IN/WHAT'S OUT"** - Visit ... www.recyclect.com to learn about recycling in Connecticut.
 - **FABRIC RECYCLING BINS** - 2 locations in Goshen and bins are provided by Baystate Textiles. One is at Village Market Place parking lot area to the right of Goshen Pizza and also Goshen Center School Teacher's parking lot... Visit ... <https://www.baystatetextiles.com>
 - **PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING** - Reminder to bring clean films to grocery store collection bins. Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/pages/recycling-plastic-bags> and reminder that plastic films will be collected at our Town recycling events in the spring and in the fall.
 - **PAINTCARE PROGRAM IN CT** - Visit ... <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 - **LINK FOR RECYCLING DAY PICKUP CALENDAR 2026** - Will be posted soon to the Town Website.
 - **2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY** - June 21, Saturday, 8:30 am till noon, Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, Falls Village Visit Town Website for more information.
 - **TAKE2RECYCLE.COM** - Suggested to contact them directly if a resident could not wait till spring event to make arrangements to drop off electronics in Waterbury. Visit... <https://www.take2recycle.com/>
 - **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.
 - **COMPOSTING AND ORGANICS RECYCLING** - Visit link... <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.
 - **COUNTERTOP COMPOSTING:** Interested in countertop composting??? Is it for you instead of a compost bin or pile??? Visit... <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/appliances/g60373874/best-countertop-composter/>
- **COMPOSTING IDEAS:** Keep composting please!
- **PLASTIC FILMS:** Keep collecting and Liza will include in the Town Topics that plastics will be collected at our Goshen recycling events. Residents do participate in this and Rod offered to assist with his truck if needed.

NEW BUSINESS: 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE - JANUARY-NO MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, MARCH 11, APRIL 8, MAY 13, JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 12, SEPTEMBER 9, OCTOBER 14, NOVEMBER 11, DECEMBER 9, AND JANUARY 13, 2027. **IN A MOTION** made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Pat Reilly, **it was VOTED** to accept the schedule. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Paul Collins, former Recycling Coordinator, suggested investigating the use of a roll to sheet printer, with plastic protectors, and A frames for advertising the recycling events. Discussion was had as the current sign letters are breaking down, and Liza will share information regarding this printer via email. Discussion was had about possible sharing of this system with Recreation Department or other departments. Old signage system could be used as directional signs on recycling event days.
- Discussion was had on the recycling budget, future recycling contracts, Goshen commercial businesses and proper recycling practices in the coming year. Discussion was had on recycling bins at the school as well town ordinance on recycling.
- Pat suggested to plan for USA to do an educational event at the Goshen Center School. He will contact the school.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Pat Reilly, 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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Received Dec 15, 2025 @ 10:25 A.M.

Attest *Barbara Z. Burr*
Goshen Town Clerk