

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
10/08/2025 - 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 7:02 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Zoom: Annette Lott, Sue Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

Excused: Garret Harlow, and Lucy Hussman

Guest: Paul Collins

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the last meeting, held on August 13, 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 the 10/04 Recycling event in regards to the paper shredding and whether an appointment was needed.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:** **ELECTRONICS, SHRED-IT (PAPER), AND MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING EVENT** - was held on **October 4, 2025, Saturday, from 9 AM till noon**
 - **Take 2** - reported that 3,427 pounds of electronics were collected which equals 1.7 tons kept out of the trash.
 - 72 mattresses were collected
 - 80 pounds of plastic films were collected from residents which was double the amount from the spring collection.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RECYCLING EVENTS - UPDATES FOR 2025 EVENTS:**
 - **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY:** This event is scheduled for November 8, 2025, Saturday, 8:30 AM till 2 PM, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton. **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>
- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that she will post the flier for the HHWaste Collection Day on the town website and it will include the QR Code for easy registration.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** Discussion was had for the next issue of the Town Topics. Submission date is November 17. Liza will include the 2026 Recycling Calendar and dates for the Spring 2026 Recycling events.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following are 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, November 7, 2025. <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-coordinator/pages/scrap-metal-and-tire-pickup>
 - **FABRIC RECYCLING BINS** - 2 locations in Goshen and bins are provided by Baystate Textiles. One at Village Market Place parking lot and also Goshen Center School Teacher's parking lot... currently work is being done on Village Market Place 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.
- **LINK FOR RECYCLING INFORMATION** - Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
- **PAINTCARE PROGRAM IN CT** - Visit ... <https://www.paintcare.org/>
- **LINK FOR RECYCLING DAY PICKUP CALENDAR** - Visit ... https://www.goshenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf626/f/uploads/2025_goshen_recycling_calendar_w_street_listing.pdf
- **2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY** - November 8, 2025, Saturday, 8:30 AM till 2 PM, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton. 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.
- **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. Posted information on countertop composting option.
- **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 IDEAS:** Pat did construct a simple pallet composter which was displayed near the Goshen Farmer's Market set up at Town hall for the 10/4 event. Discussion was had about future possibility of a composting workshop and Annette expressed an interest in doing this.
- **PLASTIC FILMS:** As reported above, 80 pounds of films were collected on 10/4 and Liza distributed the films to collection points. She will make contact with a grocery store to plan ahead for drop off in the spring.
- **2026 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT:** Liza read the following to present to Planning and Zoning Commission:

RECYCLING REPORT FOR PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The following are the actions that are being done in Goshen to promote recycling:

1. **Electronics, Paper Shred and Mattress Events** - 2 times a year - done in the spring and the fall
2. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** - 2 times a year - Spring in Falls Village and Fall in Torrington (Harwinton)
3. Biweekly **Single stream** recycling - curbside
4. First Friday of the Month - **Appliance, scrap metal, and tire** recycling - curbside
5. **Textile** recycling bins - 2 bins provided by Baystate Textiles
6. **Plastic Film Recycling** - promoted to return to retail stores such as grocery stores and have also provided collection at our Electronics Event in Goshen.
7. **Organics composting** - Sold compost bins to residents
8. **Goshen Town Topics** - Used to promote these actions and also promoted on Nextdoor social media website.

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to have Cindy Barrett submit to P&Z Commission at the Special Meeting being held on 10/9/2025. Voted unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: Rod inquired about how we are using the "NIPS" monies. He suggested researching possible town wide composting effort to be developed with possible use of these monies. Discussion was had on this idea by members, and it will be looked into how it could work in Goshen. Discussion was had on possible magnets as Lucy Hussman had shared at a previous meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 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 7:26 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest *[Signature]*
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk