

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
08/13/2025 - MEETING - 7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY

This meeting was held via Zoom and in Town Hall Conference Room

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO INTERNET CONNECTION PROBLEMS, ZOOM RECORDING WAS NOT ABLE TO BE DONE.

CALL TO ORDER: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Excused: Garret Harlow, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, Sue Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

Guest: Lu-Ann Zbinden - Commissioner from Goshen Planning and Zoning Commission

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Cindy Barrett **it was VOTED** to add to the agenda, Lu-Ann Zbinden to present on behalf of Planning and Zoning before **RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT**. Voted unanimous.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the last meeting, held on June 11, 2025, were emailed to members for review.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING: Lu-Ann Zbinden, Commissioner, explained that the **2016 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)** is being reviewed and updated this year in preparation for **2026 POCD**. It is reviewed and updated every 10 years. Lu-Ann inquired about the year that RATS was started and this will be looked into by checking minutes at Town Clerk's office. Recycling and Trash currently does not have a specific section in the **2016 POCD**. Lu-Ann explained that each of the P&Z Commissioners has been given the task of contacting 3 or 4 Boards or Commissions, reaching out to the Chairs, to help assist with information to update the **2016 POCD** document with additions of information, removals, changes, goals, issues and recommendations. Lu-Ann shared the printed information from P&Z for the RATS to review. Discussion was had regarding ideas of regionalization recycling collection of perhaps styrofoam, prescription bottles, and a review of what is currently being done in Goshen for recycling. Discussion will be had at next meeting to create a report to be included in the **2026 POCD** for recycling and completion of the document needs to be complete by August of 2026.

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:** Liza reported that only a few phone calls had been received.
 - A resident needed their bins emptied as they were full upon moving in.
 - A resident inquired about assistance in getting their recycling bin to the curb. Liza contacted USA Waste and currently no in-yard service is offered for this assistance. Liza noted that under the current contract it is not offered but will look into the future possibility of this feature for those in need of assistance.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:** No new update at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RECYCLING EVENTS - UPDATES FOR 2025 EVENTS:**
 - **ELECTRONICS, SHRED-IT (PAPER), AND MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING EVENT** - October 4, 2025, Saturday, from 9 AM till noon at Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School teacher's parking lots. Plastic films will also be collected as was done at the spring event.
 - **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY:** 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 for more information... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>

- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that the Town website has dates listed for 2026 for Household Hazardous Waste Days and after discussion, it was determined to only keep 2025 dates to avoid confusion.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** Discussion was had for the next issue of the topics, and Liza will include the *Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event 10/4, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 11/8, and Appliance, Scrap Metal and Tire Pickup Day*, which is the first Friday of the month - 9/5/2025. Pat suggested that we include that a wood pallet composter and dual chamber tumbling composter will be on display at the 10/4 event at Town Hall. Pat volunteered to make the wood pallet composter.
- **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, September 5, 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...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 10/4 event at Town Hall.
 - **LINK FOR RECYCLING INFORMATION** - Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - **PAINTCARE PROGRAM IN CT** - Visit ... <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 - **"WHAT'S IN/WHAT'S OUT"** - Visit ...www.recyclect.com to learn about recycling in Connecticut.
 - **LINK FOR RECYCLING DAY PICKUP CALENDAR** - Visit ... https://www.goshenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif626/f/uploads/2025_goshen_recycling_calendar_w_street_listing.pdf
 - **2025 RECYCLING EVENT FOR GOSHEN** - "Electronics, Paper Shred and Mattress/Boxsprings" - Saturday October 4, 2025, 9 AM to 12 NOON ...visit https://www.goshenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif626/f/uploads/2025_goshen_recycling_calendar_w_street_listing.pdf
 - **TAKE2RECYCLE.COM** - Suggested to contact them directly if a resident could not wait till spring 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.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **COMPOSTING IDEAS:** Liza reported that she is still using her countertop electronic composter and gets 10-13 pounds of composted food scrap "dirt" each month which she adds to her garden beds. Pat shared that he does old fashioned composting.
 - **PLASTIC FILMS:** Clean plastic films will be collected at the **ELECTRONICS, SHRED-IT (PAPER), AND MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING EVENT - October 4, 2025, Saturday, from 9 AM till noon at Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School teacher's parking lots.**

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Cindy Barrett **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest *[Signature]*
a ssst. Goshen Town Clerk