

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
03/12/2025 - 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: Cindy Barrett, Lucy Hussman, and Pat Reilly

Via Zoom: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator, Garret Harlow, and Annette Lott

Excused: Sue Rinaldi. and Rod Zander

Guest: Paul Collins

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the last meeting, held on January 8, 2025, were emailed to members for review. No meeting in February.

IN A MOTION made by Garret Harlow, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **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 following:
 - Liza reported that a few phone calls were received earlier in the month regarding the 2025 Recycling Events. She reported that she posted the 2025 Recycling Event days on the Goshen Town website.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:** Will be covered under Old Business.
- **OTHER REPORTS:** None at this meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2025 UPCOMING RECYCLING EVENTS:**
 - Liza reported that the dates for the 2025 Recycling Events for “**Electronics, Paper Shred and Mattress/Boxsprings**” will be April 5, Saturday, and October 4, Saturday, from 9 am till noon at Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School teacher’s parking lots.
 - Signage for events - Discussion was had on directional lawn signs for electronics, paper shred, and mattresses/boxspring days. They have not been ordered as of yet but Cindy and Liza will craft new signs on poster boards for the event.
 - **2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS:** No update on the two dates for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for 2025 which is coordinated by the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOCG). Dates will be obtained for next meeting.
- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that the 2025 Recycling Events for April 5, and October 4, have been posted.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** Not all members had received the Spring Town Topics 2025 issue but Pat Reilly did and paper copy was shared.
 - Included were plastic films collection info for the recycling event for April 5, “**Electronics, Paper Shred and Mattress/Boxsprings**” event, first Friday of Month pick-up “**APPLIANCE, SCRAP METAL AND TIRE PICKUP DAY**” and USA Waste Recycling Calendar.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following will be posted on Next-Door social media website for Goshen neighborhoods:
 - **FABRIC RECYCLING BINS** - 2 locations in Goshen and bins are provided by Baystate Textiles. 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>
 - **LINK FOR RECYCLING INFORMATION** - Visit ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - **PAINTCARE PROGRAM** - 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/vyhlf626/f/uploads/2025_goshen_recycling_calendar_w_street_listing.pdf
 - **APPLIANCE, SCRAP METAL AND TIRE PICKUP DAY** - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up. *Next one is Friday, April 4, 2025.*
 - **BEAR RESISTANT BINS** - Suggested to contact their trash hauler if bears have been a problem to get details on obtaining a bin and associated cost.
 - **COUNTERTOP COMPOSTING MACHINE** - Shared option of this to keep food organics out of the waste stream if outdoor composting methods cannot be used. Posted a link to an article for 5 Best Electric Kitchen Composters.
 - **WORM COMPOSTING** - Shared article from wormfarmguru.com on the Can-O-Worms composter.
 - **2025 RECYCLING EVENTS FOR GOSHEN** - https://www.goshenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf626/f/uploads/2025_goshen_recycling_calendar_w_street_listing.pdf "Electronics, Paper Shred and Mattress/Boxsprings" - Saturday, April 5, 2025 9 AM to 12 NOON
 - **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 DAYS** - Dates will be announced and residents should check Goshen Town website.
- **COMPOSTING IDEAS:** Liza is still using her countertop composter and Cindy reported that she will report next month on the start-up of her worm composter.
- **PLASTIC FILMS:** Liza shared that 22 pounds of films were collected last October at our event and this was advertised in current issue of Goshen Town Topics that residents could bring clean, appropriate films to the April event.
- **EARTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2025, TUESDAY:** Discussion was had about doing roadside clean-up again and contact was made with Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation Director, about date for event and promotion. Details will be posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

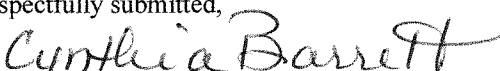
- MRF Recycling Plant Tour - Discussion was had and Liza did contact USA to arrange a tour for our members of the new recycling facility in Berlin. Via email a date will be scheduled either for the first or second week of April for a tour.

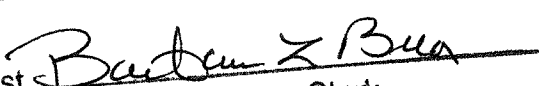
PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Collins shared it will be very good to see what gets recycled at the plant.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett

Received March 17, 2025 @ 9:05 AM
Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk