

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
01/08/2025 - 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 7:01 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance at Town Hall Conference Room: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator, Cindy Barrett, and Pat Reilly
Via Zoom: Garret Harlow, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, Sue Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 11/13/2024, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Rod Zander, **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 Calendar. She reported that she worked with USA and the calendar has been posted on the Goshen Town website. Hard copies were mailed to those residents who requested them and others were advised that it is posted on the website.
 - Residents also called regarding the 2025 Recycling Event days and Liza let them know that the dates had not yet been determined at the time of their calls. She reported that the dates have been scheduled as of today.
- **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:** None at this meeting
- **OTHER REPORTS:** None at this meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2025 UPCOMING RECYCLING EVENTS:**
 - Liza reported that the dates for the **2025 Recycling Events** 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 for electronics, and mattresses and box springs. Liza reported an increased cost for the paper shredding and that she is working on it.
 - Signage for events - Discussion was had on directional 2-sided lawn signs for electronics, paper shred, and mattresses/boxspring days. It was reviewed by members as this was discussed at the November 13, 2024, meeting that 6 signs maybe needed.
 - **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 Calendar has been posted.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** For the Spring 2025 issue, discussion was had as Liza reported that it was suggested to include an advertisement for the **First Friday of the month - APPLIANCE, SCRAP METAL AND TIRE PICKUP DAY**- with exact details to call USA to arrange the pick-up and to call the Fiscal Office at Town Hall to arrange to pick up the sticker for any item that has freon. Liza will work on this.
 - The 2025 Recycling Calendar will also be included in Goshen Town Topics.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following were 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/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
 - **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, February 7, 2025.* Another post will be made with exact details on obtaining freon sticker.
 - **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** - Reminder to check Goshen Town Website in January for dates.
 - **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:** Cindy reported that she will report next month on the start-up of her worm composter.
- **PLASTIC FILMS:** Discussion was had as to whether or not to collect films at the April and October recycling events. Members felt it is a good idea and Liza reminded us that 22 pounds of films were collected. She will put this in Goshen Town Topics.
- **EARTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2025, TUESDAY:** Discussion was had about doing roadside clean-up again. Liza will contact Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation Director, about organizing this event and promotion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NIPS Report** - Sue asked when we receive this report. Liza will check into when we receive the report.
- **Recycling Statistics** - Rod asked if contact could be made with USA regarding current recycling statistics. Discussion was had and Liza will contact USA to arrange a tour for our members of the new recycling facility in Berlin.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 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 7:18 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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