

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
04/08/2026-SPECIAL MEETING - 7:30 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 7:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance at Town Hall Conference Room: Cindy Barrett, Lucy Hussman, and Pat Reilly

Zoom: Liza Albreada - Recycling Coordinator, Garret Harlow, Annette Lott, Sue Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

Guest at Town Hall: Paul Collins

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the last meeting, held on March 11, 2026, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Voted unanimous.

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

- a. **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:** No report for this meeting.
- b. **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:**
 - 1. **Electronics, Paper Shred, Mattresses/Boxsprings Event** was held on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 9 AM to 12 Noon, Goshen Town Hall parking lot and Goshen Center School Teacher's parking lot
 - a. 49 mattresses were collected
 - b. 31 pounds of plastic films were collected
 - c. 145 total cars were reported from the Take2 Electronics employee and Liza had not received the total weights from Take2 as of this meeting
 - d. Cindy reported that she, Rod and Sue handled helping Take2 Electronics on the Town Hall parking lot side, Pat helped with paper shredding and mattresses, and Jess from Torrington Savings Bank was there to assist with paper shredding. Thanks were given to all and thanks to Garret for the orange cones.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **RECYCLING EVENTS - UPDATES FOR 2026 EVENTS:**
 - 1. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** 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...<https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/household-hazardous-waste-collection-day-2026>
Liza reported that the flier and QR Code to register are now on the Town website.
 - 2. **Electronics, Paper Shred, Mattresses/Boxsprings Event** - to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 9 AM to 12 Noon, Goshen Town Hall parking lot and Goshen Center School Teacher's parking lot
- b. **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been posted and the updated 2026 Recycling Calendar as well.
- c. **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** May 18, 2025, is the deadline for the next issue that comes out in June. Liza will work on possible submission of HHWCD for this June issue by checking with Virginia Perry.

d. **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 USA Waste, 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up. Reminder was done for Friday, May 1, 2026, pick-up <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-coordinator/pages/scrapped-metal-and-tire-pickup>
- **2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY** - June 20, Saturday, 8:30 am till noon, Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, Falls Village Visit Town Website for more information. Registration is required to participate and can be done by calling 860-491-2308 x228.
- **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>
- **LINK FOR GOSHEN RECYCLING INFORMATION** - Visit Goshen Town website ... <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
- **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.
- **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/>
- **LINK FOR RECYCLING DAY PICKUP CALENDAR 2026** - Visit town website... https://www.goshenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf626/f/uploads/2026_usa_calendar_for_goshen_w_street_list.pdf
- **PAINTCARE PROGRAM IN CT** - Visit ... <https://www.paintcare.org/>
- **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.
- **"WHAT'S IN/WHAT'S OUT"** - Visit ... www.recyclect.com to learn about recycling in Connecticut.
- **2026 RECYCLING EVENT FOR GOSHEN** - "Electronics, Paper Shred and Mattress/Boxsprings" - Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, 9 AM to 12 NOON...visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/april-4th-recycling-day>
- **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 event on Oct. 3, 2026.
- **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/>

Lucy suggested to post on Goshen Chatter FB as well. Discussion was had regarding posting and Cindy will do this.

e. **COMPOSTING IDEAS:** Keep composting please! Liza and Sue are successfully using their countertop composters.

f. **PLASTIC FILMS:** Keep collecting and they will be collected at our Goshen recycling event on Oct. 3

g. **EARTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2026 - Wednesday:** Goshen Recreation, Erin Reilly, is doing the roadside clean up on April 18 and 19. Please contact Erin Reilly and flier is posted in Town Hall. Discussion was had for registering for the event. Cindy will post the event and link on Nextdoor. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45ABA72FA7F94-63074146-2026#/> Rod shared re-use of tires and metal recycling at a business in Torrington. Discussion was had by members on road clean up.

ADJOURNMENT: IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Received 04/13/2026 10:16 am
Attest *Michelle Rambo*
Goshen Town Clerk
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