

TOWN OF GOSHEN

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS 08/12/2026 - 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, Garret Harlow, Lucy Hussman, and Pat Reilly

Zoom: Annette Lott, and Sue Rinaldi

Excused: Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the last meeting, held on June 10 2026, 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:

a. **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:**

Liza reported that a new resident was in need of bins and another resident was interested in how to get papers shredded. The upcoming October 3, 2026, Recycling event at Goshen Town Hall for paper shred, electronics and mattresses was shared.

b. **REPORTS ON RECYCLING EVENTS:** No additional information at this meeting to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **RECYCLING EVENTS - UPDATES FOR 2026 EVENTS:**

1. ***Electronics, Paper Shred, Mattresses/Boxsprings Event*** - to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 9 AM to 12, Goshen Town Hall parking lot for electronics recycling and Goshen Center School Teacher's parking lot for paper shredding and mattress/boxspring collection.

2. ***Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day*** - This event is scheduled for October 24, 2026, Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton, CT. **Registration is required to participate and can be done by calling 860-491-2308 x228.**

b. **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that the Goshen Town website has been changed to Government & Community Websites by CivicLift.

c. **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:**

August 17, 2026, is the deadline for the next issue. Liza reported that she will submit the **Electronics, Paper Shred, Mattresses/Boxsprings Event** for October 4th, and **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** for October 24th, and the "First Friday of the Month" **APPLIANCE, SCRAP METAL AND TIRE PICKUP DAY** information.

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, September 4, 2026, pick-up <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-coordinator/pages/scrapped-metal-and-tire-pickup>
- **2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY** - This event is scheduled for October 24, 2026, Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton, CT. 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 the 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/entities/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://municipal-documents.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/goshen-ct/recycling-trash/resources/files/15148/2026_recycle_calander_website-updated.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/news/shred-smart-mattress-box-spring-electronic-recycling>
- **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/>
- **BEAR RESISTANT BINS** - Suggested to contact their trash hauler if bears have been a problem to get details on obtaining a bear proof bin and associated costs.

Tire recycling is being done by USA Waste and was confirmed with a phone call this week. Discussion was had about a State program as a possibility for tire recycling, possible grant monies for towns with Transfer Stations, and food scrap recycling at Transfer Stations. Garret reported he does, as Public Works director, receive phone calls about Transfer Station for Goshen.

e. **COMPOSTING IDEAS:** Keep composting please! Discussion was had about using NIPS monies to do another composting bin offer to town residents. Research will be done.

f. **PLASTIC FILMS:** Keep collecting and they will be collected at our Goshen recycling event on 10/3.

6. NEW BUSINESS: New town website - Members will review the new website and discussion was had to, upon review, make necessary adjustments.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Garret Harlow, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett
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Received Aug. 13, 2026 @ 3:43 PM
Attest: *Benjamin Z. Breen*
Goshen Town Clerk