

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
03/13/2024 - 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, and Lucy Hussman

Via Zoom: Cindy Barrett, Annette Lott, and Garrett Harlow

Excused: Pat Reilly, Sue Rinaldi, and Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 2/14/2024, were emailed to members for review.

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Annette Lott, **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes with the correction of "Todd reported his Lomi having problems" should be Rod not Todd. Voted unanimous for corrected minutes.

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:** One phone call was received regarding a broken recycling tote bin which was taken care of by USA Waste & Recycling.
- **REPORTS:** None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RECYCLING EVENTS:**

April 6, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event - 9 am to noon - Goshen Town Hall parking lot and Goshen Center School parking lot, North Street. Liza received a flier from **Take 2** which she will be distributing to advertise the event.

June 8, 2024, Saturday - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - 8:30 am to noon - Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, Falls Village, CT.

April 20 & 21, 2024, Saturday and Sunday - Earth Day and Roadside Clean-up Weekend in Goshen -

Lucy reported that she received information from Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation Director, that she created a flier for this year. Liza also reported that Erin had contacted her and asked for some materials which included gallon zip lock bags for the packets that are handed out to participants and large clear trash bags for recyclables that are collected. Discussion was had regarding monies from the "NIPS" program to use for these purchases as it does involve roadside clean up. Liza will check into the budget for Recycling and will post the flier on the Recycling page of the town website. Suggestion was made to also post on social media.

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- **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that a “typo” was corrected on the website of “Recycling and Trust” should be “Recycling and Trash” on the meeting schedule. Flier for Earth Day Road side Clear Up will be posted.
- **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** The deadline for Town Topics was February 19, 2024. Liza reported that she received the Town Topics in the mail and was happy with the article and 3 pages advertising the recycling event coming up.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following will be posted on Next-door Social Media:

- **Fabric Recycling Bins** - 2 locations in Goshen and bins are provided by Baystate Textiles - visit <https://www.baystatetextiles.com>
- **Plastic Bag Recycling Link** - Bring to grocery store collection bins. For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/pages/recycling-plastic-bags>
- **Link for Recycling Information** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
- **Paintcare Program** - Idea to post the website with information on how to recycle paint. For information visit <https://www.paintcare.org/>
- **What's in? What's out?** - Information regarding this website for Connecticut was in the Goshen Town Topics to help educate residents..... www.recyclect.com
- **2024 Recycling Events** - A reminder for the upcoming April 6, 2024, Electronics Recycling, Mattress and Paper shred date will be posted and Household Hazardous Waste Day, June 8, 2024.
- **Appliance, Scrap Metal and Tire Recycling** - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up.
- **Link for Recycling Day Pick-up Calendar** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>

Cindy reported that Sue Rinaldi had a question about whether or not an electric blanket was recyclable. Call was made to Baystate Textiles and yes!!! it is !!! Lucy suggested to post on Next-door Social Media a guide for what textiles are accepted and what is not.

- **FOOD CYCLER:** Liza reported that she used her Lomi Food Cycler again for the past month and she had the end product of approximately 12 pounds. She reported no problems with her unit. Liza will check again with First Selectman Todd Carusillo about the food cycler that was sent for a trial by members and if it could be purchased by one of the members who is interested.
- **“NIPS” PROGRAM:** Discussion was had about this program and it was suggested to educate ourselves on the details of this program and legislation. Research will be done by Cindy and this will be discussed next month.
- **GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM:** Liza reported that she has contacted USA Waste & Recycling and is awaiting their return call with regard to setting up a date before the end of school year.
- **OTHER:** Garret reminded us of the idea of community composting for Goshen which has been brought up in the past. Discussion was had about this idea - where? how? being considered? possibly in coordination with Litchfield and Sustainable CT? - follow up will be had. Discussion was had about “Blue Earth Composting” program being had in other towns and composting efforts by members were shared.
- **VOLUNTEERS FOR RECYCLING EVENT APRIL 6:** Email will be sent to members to sign up to assist.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None


The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Garrett Harlow, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest 

asst. Goshen Town Clerk