

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
04/10/2024 - 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 7:02PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance Town Hall Conference Room: Liza Albreada-Recycling Coordinator, Cindy Barrett, Pat Reilly, and Sue Rinaldi

Via Zoom: Garrett Harlow, Lucy Hussman, Annette Lott, and Rod Zander

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on 3/13/2024, 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. Pat Reilly abstained.

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE CALLS:** Phone calls were received with inquiries about how to dispose of a couch and wood. 3 other calls were received in regards to the Electronics event being held on 4/6.
- **April 6, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event** - was held 9 am to noon, Goshen Town Hall parking lot and Goshen Center School parking lot, North Street. Liza shared that she felt it was a success and members shared that as well. 80 mattresses were recycled. Sue Rinaldi inquired about the mattress count compared to previous events. These totals will be looked up for next meeting. The truck did leave when full and one participant had to be turned away with their mattress. Mattresses can be taken to Cornwall Transfer Station - call 860-672-4049 for details. Liza reported that 138 cars were counted, 80 mattresses were collected, and 6,280 pounds of electronics (3.14 tons) were collected by Take 2.

- **Plastic films and aluminum container redemption collection ideas** - The idea of adding the collection of plastic films that can be recycled to the October 5, 2024, event was suggested. Discussion was had by members and experiences with plastic film recycling were shared. If this was offered, it would allow for ease and convenience for residents to recycle the proper plastic films and further promote education that plastic films do not belong in blue recycling bins or in the trash stream. It was noted that the NEXTREX challenge held in 2022 collected approx. 1000 pounds.

Rod Zander gave thanks to the posts being made to promote recycling education. The idea of a more permanent wooden shed/bin possibility at Camp Coch or other location for collection of plastic films was discussed by members. Discussion was had about the locations of the bins in 2022 which included Goshen Town Hall vestibule, Camp Coch on Beach Street, and Village Marketplace. After discussion, it was felt to advertise the collection of recyclable plastic films for the October 5, 2024 event. The monies from the NIPS program was brought up.

Lucy Hussman asked about aluminum container collection idea and Liza explained the idea of also possibly collecting redeemable soda cans at the event as well. Discussion was had regarding where would the monies received be donated, Lucy suggested could it be a PTO or 5th Grade Project, members shared their ideas, Cindy suggested researching services that EyeRecycle offers (<https://eyerecycle.org/>), and Rod shared the new bottle redemption center, Bottle Collect, on Baeder Street in Torrington. Liza has reported that she has used this center and Lucy suggested to possibly include this in the next Goshen Town Topics. Discussion was had and members will look into this center and Garret Harlow suggested looking into what percentage EyeRecycle receives for an event.

- **October 5, 2024, Saturday - Electronics, Shred-it, and Mattress & Box Spring Event** - 9 am to noon - Goshen Town Hall and Goshen Center School parking lots

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **RECYCLING EVENTS: 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. Members can volunteer and residents must call Town Hall to register. Clean Harbors does this event and Garrett shared there might be price increases in the future. Pat asked to please post what can be brought to this event or what cannot.
- b. **GOSHEN TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:** Liza reported that she posted the Earth Day flier on the Recycling page.
- c. **GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS ARTICLE UPDATE:** The next deadline for Town Topics is May 27, 2024. Discussion was had and it was suggested to include the redemption center option in Torrington, plastic films collection for October event, the October Recycling event and Household Hazardous Waste Day in October.
- d. **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:** Cindy reported that the following were posted on Next-door Social Media this past month and will be posted again:
- **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. Visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/pages/recycling-plastic-bags>
 - **Link for Recycling Information** - Visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash>
 - **Paintcare Program** - Posted the website with information on how to recycle paint. <https://www.paintcare.org/>
 - **"What's in? What's out?"** - Information regarding the website for Connecticut www.recyclect.com
 - **2024 Recycling Events** - A reminder for the upcoming April 6, 2024, Electronics Recycling, Mattress and Paper shred date was 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** - Visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
 - **Post of Thanks for electronics recycling day event participation**
 - **Household Hazardous Waste Day - June 8, 2024, Saturday - 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**
 - **Bear Resistant Bins** - Visit <https://www.usarecycle.com/residential/bear-resistant-rollout-cart>
- Posted on Goshen Chatter: April 6, 2024, Electronics Recycling, Mattress and Paper shred and **Appliance, Scrap metal and Tire Recycling** - First Friday of the month April 5.
- e. **FOOD CYCLER:** Liza reported that she is routinely using her Lomi Food Cycler and Rod reported that he got a replacement due to his problems. Discussion was had about the cyclers and this method is an option to reduce food organics going to the trash stream. Liza reported that she is reducing food waste down to approx. 10 pounds.
- f. **"NIPS" PROGRAM:** Cindy reported that a bill, HB 5215, was raised in Feb. "An Act Concerning Municipal Authority To Prohibit The Sale of Nips". A link for the public hearing held on Feb. 28 will be shared via email with members. Discussion was had about the number of NIPS sold in Connecticut which was 90 million, towns receive monies based on number of NIPS sold in their town, some towns are doing roadside clean-ups on their own on a regular basis, and they are keeping track of pounds of trash, redeemables picked up and NIPS. It was suggested that an active effort be made by the Committee to start an effort to do regular cleanups on streets in Goshen. Further discussion was had by members regarding NIPS and it will be verified if they even go into the recycling bin.
- g. **GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM:** Liza has made contact and is awaiting USA response. Plastic bags were found in the Goshen Center School recycling bin and an effort to educate will be made. Liza will check into paper bags options instead of plastic bags for use at the school.
- h. **April 20 & 21, 2024, Saturday and Sunday - Earth Day and Roadside Clean-Up Weekend** - residents can register by calling Erin Reilly, Recreation Director, at 860-491-2249 or 860-601-6089 or visiting goshenrec.com
- i. **OTHER:** Liza is awaiting report on the amount of Shred-it paper collected at the Saturday event.

NEW BUSINESS: Pat suggested a card to be included in the packet for Earth Day Clean-up to report on what was collected. Liza will check into this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Garrett Harlow, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7: 46 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest *Barbara L. Burr*
Goshen Town Clerk