

TOWN OF GOSHEN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS
01/10/2024 - MEETING - 7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY

This meeting was held via Zoom and in Town Hall Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Todd Carusillo, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance Town Hall Conference Room: Todd Carusillo, Acting Chairman - First Selectman, Liza Albreada-Recycling Coordinator, Cindy Barrett, Lucy Hussman, Patrick Reilly, and Suzanne Rinaldi

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

Guests on Zoom: Judi Armstrong and Joyce Mowrey

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RECYCLING COORDINATOR-LIZA ALBREADA: Todd Carusillo introduced Liza Albreada to the committee. Liza shared that she has been a resident for a little over a year and her family was in the trash and recycling business but the business no longer offers municipal solid waste/garbage pick up. It does offer construction and demolition materials collection at their transfer station in Torrington. She also is a Survival Swim teacher.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting, held on December 13, 2023, were emailed to members for review.

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

RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE: Todd reviewed the need to continue to educate the residents on the importance of recycling as the tipping fees have been increasing. Tipping fees were reviewed for the past year. Liza suggested to further educate residents about recycling with the use of Facebook-Goshen Chatter, Instagram, and Next-door website. Cindy shared she posts on Next-door and Facebook-Goshen Chatter which are noted under Old Business. Discussion was had about Instagram and the possibility of developing the use of Instagram for the town of Goshen. Todd will investigate the development of Instagram account for the town. Discussion was had about the fees for tipping, the amount of tonnage being collected, how the municipal solid waste is being shipped out of state, the importance of contacting State Representative Maria Horn, and the importance of solving the municipal solid waste situation at the State level. All methods of communication were discussed and the need to continue to educate all residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joyce Mowrey suggested the development of a transfer station for Goshen. Kent has a transfer station that Joyce had planned on touring. She shared the idea of the possibility of Goshen residents being able to obtain permits for the Cornwall Transfer Station to see how the transfer station process works and being able to share their experience in the process. Discussion was had about Salisbury's Transfer Station and information that Todd gained from the Northwest Hills Council of Government's meeting. Joyce shared that through Sustainable CT members a group of residents might become involved. Further discussion was had and Annette shared the importance of food scrap collection and composting. Litchfield has a Transfer Station and the possibility of contacting them about sharing food scrap collection was discussed. Joyce will look into these possibilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ***FoodCycler - MUNICIPAL FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM*** - Todd reported that he received the sampler FoodCycler machine. Todd, Paul Collins-former Recycling Coordinator and other members of the Committee had attended the Zoom presentation held on 11/15/2023 with the Food Science company from Canada.

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- Discussion was had on aspects of the countertop FoodCycler machine and how it works by grinding and dehydrating food waste to decrease weight ultimately in the municipal waste stream. Liza has just purchased a Lomi and Rod has a similar unit, Lomi, and reminded members that it is not an incinerator but a dehydrator. Costs and energy details were discussed. Materials from the Food Science Company have previously been sent to members and the deadline for the offer is 2/1/2024.
- Discussion was had previously, in detail, and reported in the minutes of the 12/13/2023 meeting.
- After considerate discussion, it was decided to return the FoodCycler machine at this time. The idea of the food dehydrator will be continued to be investigated by a possible survey and will be worked on by the committee with correct messaging as suggested by Annette in the coming year. Investigation will be done on this idea and contacting Lomi for possible pricing on an offer.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Cindy reported the following was posted on 12/14 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.
 - **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, and October 19, 2024, will be posted.
 - **Appliance, Scrap metal and Tire Recycling** - First Friday of the month and residents must call 860-379-1662 to arrange pick-up. February 2, 2024 is the next one.
 - **Link for Recycling Day Pick-up Calendar** - For information visit <https://www.goshenct.gov/recycling-trash/news/2023-recycling-calendar>
- **WEBSITE/TOWN TOPICS** - The Recycling Coordinator will work with Cindy to freshen the Recycling page on the town website. The next deadline for Town Topics is February 19, 2024 and an article will be worked on.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7 PM at Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Patrick Reilly, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
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Attest 
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk