

**TOWN OF GOSHEN - RECYCLING AND TRASH COMMITTEE
GOSHEN TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
01/23/2020 - 10:00 AM - THURSDAY**

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Valentine, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

ATTENDANCE: Cynthia Barrett, Lucy Hussman, Patrick Reilly, Tom Farrell - Recycling Coordinator and Bob Valentine - First Selectman. Absent: Chris DeAngelis and Leya Edison.

IN A MOTION made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was VOTED to add to the agenda under "Moving Forward", amending dates and times of meetings for 2020. Voted unanimous.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of the 11/21/2019 meeting were read by Cynthia Barrett. **IN A MOTION** made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of 11/21/19. Voted unanimous.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: In accordance with Title 51-Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance, #7. "The Town's First Selectman, or his appointee, is hereby designated as the municipal agent who shall receive information and respond to questions regarding recycling from the Department of Environmental Protection (the "Recycling Official")." No election of officers at this time.

FINALIZE 2020 GOALS:

Bob Valentine reported that he attended a meeting in Hartford, wherein Tom Kirk, President of MIRA, clarified the elements of the contract (to upgrade the MIRA facilities), as required by State of Connecticut Department of Energy and environmental Protection, (DEEP) with Sacyr Rooney. He reported that the contract will have a substantial financial impact on the tipping fees from MIRA imposed on Connecticut municipalities.

He noted that Goshen is under contract with MIRA until June, 2027. Under this contract, MIRA is obligated to dispose of MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) and recycling materials at a "cost of operation" to municipalities; Goshen is a Tier 1 municipality. Goshen's cost is \$83.00/ton out to June 30, 2020 and will increase to \$91.00/ton on July 1, 2020; and may increase to \$145.00/ton.

He noted possibilities of a refurbishment of the existing plant in Hartford at a estimated cost of \$330 million or a new plant at a cost of \$660 million. Bob will send a link to members of the presentation by Tom Kirk, MIRA President and Power Point PDF.

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Therefore, after discussion by members, it was determined that the goals of the committee for 2020 shall include:

Education of Goshen residents - A comprehensive marketing campaign will be developed to use all avenues available to educate residents on the importance of trash and recycling moving forward with these increased costs. USA Hauling - Contact will be made to see what educational materials, such as flier to paste on bins, from USA Hauling are available. Goshen website - Development will continue to be done on the Recycling part of the website to include information and links.

TOWN TOPICS - FEB. 13, 2020 DEADLINE: Bob will draft a page to be included in this issue.

MOVING FORWARD: IN A MOTION made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, it was VOTED to modify dates and times of meetings for 2020. Voted unanimous.

Goshen Recycling and Trash Committee

REVISED 2020 Meeting Schedule

2nd Wednesday of the month

** 6:30 p.m. **

Town Hall Conference Room

February 12, 2020

March 11, 2020

April 8, 2020

May 14, 2020 (Thursday)

June 10, 2020

July 8, 2020

August 12, 2020
September 9, 2020
October 14, 2020
November 11, 2020
December 9, 2020

OTHER BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, 6:30 PM, Town Hall Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: **IN A MOTION** made by Lucy Hussman, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett
Cynthia Barrett, Secretary

Received January 27, 2020 @ 10:07AM

Attest *Brian K. Blen*
Goshen Town Clerk