

Chapter Meeting  
May 7, 2006

Present Members: Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller, Peter De La Rosa, Kenric Hanson, Sheila Herbert, Tim Hanser, Andy Derr, Ellen Anthony

Facilitator: Andy Derr  
Recording Secretary: Tim Hanser

Agenda  
Campaign 2006  
CT River Raft Race  
Fort Trumbul  
Fundraising  
CT Green Party Convention  
Thinking Green  
Announcements

Campaign 2006

CT Green Party Convention

Good press coverage by the Hartford Courant

All candidates were approved to run for state offices by wide majority

State Party Elections

Co-Chairs  
Jean DeSmet  
Mike Westerfield  
Mike De Rosa

Secretary  
Barbara De Rosa

Treasurer  
Chris Riley

National Representative  
Charlie Pillsbury  
Tim McKee  
alternate- Miguel Nieves

Petitions have been distributed to the local chapter and must be submitted by early August.

Ralph Ferrucci will be leading the petition drive.

#### Petition Event Ideas

Bob would like to run a registration and petition event at C-Town, and inviting Ralph Ferrucci to join.

Having petitioners at the Food Stroll on May 17th.

Contact list of 1s and 2s from the 2005 New London city elections.

Pete will bring petitions to the Preston Utopia meeting.

Andy will bring petitions to All Souls.

Petition events at the regional health food stores.

Goal of about 500 signatures from New London County.

Bringing a petition to the LOT meeting.

Ronna was interested in knowing if Democracy for America would endorse progressive candidates who were not Democrats.

Ned Lamont. Questions on what Ned Lamont plans to do if he does not win the Democratic primary.

Cliff Thornton's visit to New London. Potential events:

- Cliff would be willing to talk at a "house party".

- Try to arrange a meeting with the editorial board of The Day.

- Public Access shows.

- Meeting with the NAACP.

Andy would like to invite Nancy Burton to June's meeting.

2nd Congressional District.

39th District State Representative.

Candidate Search Committee: Ronna and Andy with a 3rd to be named

Thinking Green

Ronna will find out what summer slots are available and what shows would be interested in hosting Green Party candidates over the summer.

Ken suggested that a show be recorded with Cliff as the guest to get wider exposure to the region (Groton, Norwich, etc.)

Discussed airing of other recorded media to air on Public Access.

#### Fort Trumbull Update

Ronna attended a meeting with Charles Frink, Tom Lacey, Joann Sheehan, and others, discussing direct action to prevent any bulldozing of any of the homes. Current plan is to speak at Council on May 15th to convince Council to take a different approach. On May 22nd, a concerted effort will be made to encourage Governor Rell's intervention. Also discussed civil disobedience options. Lawn signs to protest the taking of property were also discussed. A training in June for civil disobedience activity will likely occur.

#### Fundraising

Sheila wanted to revisit any fundraising ideas.

A Fundraising Tag Sale was discussed. Andy made a point that a lot of time was put into making sure that the Tag Sale is successful. All present committed to at least 4 hours of time to the tag sale event

A July date was discussed, potentially mid to late July, at Ken's house.

#### Raft Race

The CT River Raft Race is July 29th starting in Middletown. Ronna thought to offer the raft to the state party and candidates. Interested individuals should discuss.

#### Announcements

I'm Swiss with Bill Maher is the last Peace and Justice Film Series movie, to be shown on May 14th, 3 PM, at Kream.

Ronna would like to show "The Revolution Will Not be Televised", a documentary of Hugo Chavez and the US-backed attempted Coup d'Etat in Venezuela in 2002.

Ronna has a six-minute clip of James Patton's interview with Evo Morales.

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet is June 23. \$40/ a ticket, 10 seats to a table. Contact Andy for tickets.

FRESH has more work parties. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-6 pm and Saturdays 9AM-2PM at Waterford Country School. FRESH would like to have core groups of people to commit to working specific times.

The Office of Youth Affairs is trying to fill up to 120 youth jobs for various non-profits and city departments. Volunteers may be needed to help applicants with paperwork.

Fiddleheads Annual Meeting is May 21st.

3rd Monthly Riverside Park Picnic and Cleanup is May 27th at 11 AM.

Flavours of Life is hosting events on the First Friday of every month, featuring different areas of the world.

Next Meeting is June 4th at 19 Evergeen Ave. (Bob and Ronna Stuller's House)

Andy will facilitate.