

New London Green Party Chapter meeting, June 3, 2007

Attendees: Andy Derr (facilitator), Kenric Hanson, Pete de la Rosa, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Bob Stuller, Bud McAllister, Richard Krasner

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM, and agenda agreed upon.

State Central Committee meeting: No one from the NL Greens attended the May meeting. We are seeking at least one new representative to SCC as Andy is resigning after many years of service. We should have enough reps from NL that at least one person can attend every month. Current delegates are Ken, Pete and Chris; Ronna agreed to be added to the list. Ronna will provide the updated list to SCC secretary Barbara de Rosa.

Thinking Green: We will be on hiatus for July-August-September but hope to pick up a few slots over the summer, especially in September as campaign season intensifies. The producer meeting for choosing fall slots will probably be held in early July, after which time we will make our plans. We are seeking more hosts for the T-G rotation. Ronna has spoken to Sean Spellman (of the band Quiet Life), who may be interested in hosting an occasional show on local music.

Tag Sale: Ken offered to host a tag sale on July 21 (raindate July 22). He will send out email with details to our email list. Bob moved, and Ken seconded, that we approve expenditure of up to \$50 for tag sale publicity. Motion passed unanimously. We all need to seek donations of sale items from friends and relatives; please note that donations are not tax-deductible. We will consult with treasurer Chris Nelson about documentation requirements.

National Green Party Annual Meeting: The convention will be held in Reading, PA, on July 12-15. Cliff Thornton is presenting on "Reparations for the Drug War." As far as we know, no one from New London is attending.

Internal special election: With the departure of Tim Hanser, who is moving out of the area, we are requesting nominations for a Records Chair. Duties include maintaining chapter records and fill in as Chair in the event of his/her absence. We are accepting nominations up to and including next chapter meeting, and will elect a new Records Chair at that meeting.

2007 Municipal Elections: Andy and Ronna are on our elections committee, which was empowered by the group to work out details of what teams will approach which potential candidates. Ken and Bob have agreed participate in this process. The committee will meet on Tuesday evening.

There may be an opportunity for Republicans, 1 New London and the Greens to collaborate on running a limited number of candidates for an opposition slate. Andy suggested that we would need exactly 7 candidates to be successful in concentrating the vote for this slate. The election committee will make arrangements to meet with representatives with the Republicans and 1NL to follow up on this strategy.

Bud is going to a meeting of Winthrop's new neighborhood group; voter registration and community building may be ways that are mutually beneficial for Greens' involvement.

Announcements: Pete provided information about "Design for Life," an upcoming event in Rhode Island on sustainable design for cities and towns. Apeiron Institute's Sustainable Living & Clean Energy Expo is being held on June 9. Pete will email more information on both events to list.

Bud has spoken to Brian Infantino, who lives in the Riverside Park area, about continuing the clean-ups, and he seems interested. Tim, meanwhile, had told the group his neighbor Kevin is planning future events. We will try to get more info and follow up on future Riverside "Picnic with a Purpose" events. Bud would also like to organize a clean-up in conjunction with FRESH near the new community gardens on Mercer Street.

A fundraiser - for the soup kitchen and food pantry - Music Festival is tentatively scheduled for September 28 at Fort Trumbull State Park.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, July 1, at 19 Evergreen Avenue. Facilitator and Recorder to be determined.