

New London Green Party

December 11, 2016 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Mirna Martinez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), John Balchunas, Stephanie Gregerman, Dan Spurr, Margarita Mogollón. Guests: Baird Welch-Collins, Jason Morris, Emily Garfinkel, Elijah Singer, Lauren Shaw, Paul Reid, Milt Angelopolous, Michael DeLauro, Maureen Connaughton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

1. Minutes from the 11/6/16 regular meeting were approved by consensus. Motion made by Mirna, seconded by Ronna.
2. Treasurer's report: Expenditures of \$500. Deposits of \$120. Current balance is \$745.48.
3. State Central Committee:
 - a. Proposed vaccination disclosure legislation discussed. Committee consisting of Mike DeRosa, Emily Garfinkel, and Baird Welch-Collins will draft a proposal
 - b. Other potential legislation discussed: CT Public Bank and recreational marijuana.
 - c. Proposed outreach/fundraising event for January. Proposed speakers include Chris Hedges and Glen Ford.
 - d. Next SCC meeting: January 11th, 6:30 PM at the Portland Senior Center.
4. Old business
 - a. Outreach Committee
 - i. Fundraising event postponed until after the holidays.
 - ii. A fundraising letter will be sent out in January.
 - iii. Number of registered Greens in New London has increased by about 15 over this time last year.
 - b. Town Committee
No activity.
5. New business
 - a. Fracking bans
There is a statewide effort to get towns and cities to pass ordinances banning fracking waste. There was a general discussion of how to engage Democrats as well as inviting a speaker to discuss the issue.
 - b. 11/8 election results
There was a discussion of results in state-level races.
 - c. Town Committee Elections
Nominations will be at January's meeting, with elections in February.
6. Updates
 - a. State of the City:
 - i. Planning and Zoning continues work on the Plan of Conservation and Development. The process could use more public input. Hearings on the plan

are held at 6:30 proceeding regularly scheduled P&Z meetings.

- ii. There is currently a vacancy as an alternate to P&Z.
 - iii. A grant was submitted to install bike lanes along Jefferson Avenue from Colman to Chester.
- b. Education:
- i. BOE has started their budget process.
 - ii. December 22nd there will be election of new officers for the Board.
- c. Riverside Park/NENL:
- i. The City has applied for a grant to create a bik/ped trail from Conn College to Hodges Square.
 - ii. The City s also working on a Working Cities grant for economic development in Hodges Square.
 - iii. Despire funding approved a few years ago, it has been challenging to get the the City to actually use the funds.
- d. Thinking Green:

Tentative schedule:

12/13 Experiences at Standing Rock with Debra Cohen

12/20 OutCT

12/27 Drug Policy with Jason Ortiz

1/3 State Budget Issues with Jonathan Pelto

- e. Additional Updates
None

7. Announcements

- a. Weekly community dinners continue at BDJMS from 5-7PM.

Motion to adjourn by Mirna, seconded by Bob. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 8th, 7pm.

Approved on January 8, 2017