

New London Green Party

March 5, 2017 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Mirna Martinez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), Bud McAllister, Frida Berrigan, Jon Balchunas, Margarita Mogollón, Elijah Singer, Erick Carrión, Jennifer Farraher . Guests: Dan Thompson, Maureen Connaughton, Jason Morris, Baird Welch-Collins, Emily Garfinkel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

1. Minutes from the 2/12/2017 regular meeting were approved by consensus. Motion made by Mirna, seconded by Bob.
2. Treasurer's report: No Activity. Current balance is \$745.48.
3. State Central Committee:
 - a. Next SCC meeting: March 9th, 6:30 PM at the Portland Senior Center.
 - b. Annual meeting, Sunday April 30th at the Portland Senior Center.
4. Old business
 - a. Outreach Committee
No Activity
 - b. Town Committee
Meeting scheduled for 3/15.
 - c. Fracking Waste Ban
The proposed ordinance will be heard at the Public Works Committee meeting, on Monday 2/13 at 6:30 PM, and that in front of the full City Council at 7:00 PM. A celebration will be held at the Social after the vote.
 - d. Youth Committee
The first meeting was held on 3/3. Priorities and strategies for the committee were discussed. The committee asked for recommendations on how to organize themselves. Future meetings will be held on the last Friday of the month. A motion was made to add a member of the youth committee as an at-large member to the Town Committee. Motion passed by consensus. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Bob.
5. New Business
 - a. Recycling
There was a general discussion about how to improve recycling rates in the City. Resources and information from the Recycle CT Foundation were discussed, as well as strategies implemented in Waterbury that improved rates and lowered operating costs.
6. Updates
 - a. State of the City:
 - i. The City released its annual audit, which shows that they closed FY2016 (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016) with a small surplus of ~\$500,000.

- b. Education:
 - i. The BOE approved a budget increase of 2.6%.
 - ii. The dress code policy has been adjusted to include restorative practices as a means to address violations of the policy.
- c. Riverside Park/NENL:
 - i. No activity.
- d. Thinking Green:

Tentative schedule:

3/7: TBD

3/14: Start Fresh, discussing the integration of Syrian refugees

3/21: OutCT

3/28: Ledge Light Health District

4/4 or 4/10: Jonathan Pelto

7. Announcements

- a. Republic:Ed will be hosting a movie, What is Scary about DeVos, @7PM on 3/18 at the Writer's Block.
- b. St. Francis Clarification of Thought, every other Friday at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Mirna. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, April 2nd, 7pm.

Approved on April 2, 2017.