

## New London Green Party

May 7, 2017 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), Bud McCallister, Jon Balchunas, Guests: Maureen Connaughton,

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

1. Minutes from the 4/2/2017 regular meeting were approved by consensus. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Bob.
2. Treasurer's report: No Activity. Current balance is \$669.48.
3. State Central Committee:
  - a. Annual meeting was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The following officers were elected:
    - i. Co-Chairs: Baird Welch-Collins, Emily Garfinkel, Mike DeRosa.
    - ii. Secretary: Ronna Stuller.
    - iii. Treasurer: Chris Reilly.
    - iv. Representatives to the GP of the US: Josh Steele-Kelly, Baird Welch-Collins, Mike DeRosa.
  - b. Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Middletown.
4. Old business
  - a. Outreach Committee  
No Activity
  - b. Town Committee  
There was a discussion about candidates for City Council and Board of Education  
Nominating meeting for BOE will be held on 6/14 at the FRESH garden.
  - c. Fracking Waste Ban  
Lebanon has passed a ban, making it the 15<sup>th</sup> town in the state to pass a ban.  
Organizers are seeking co-sponsors for a state-wide ban. Possible co-sponsors discussed were Cathy McCarty, Joe de la Cruz, and Linda Orange.
  - d. Recycling  
Mo met with City staff, and discussed what she learned with the group.  
There was a discussion of reinvigorating the Sustainability Committee as a means to improve recycling outcomes in the City.
  - e. Youth Committee  
No report
5. New Business
  - a. Unify and Resist  
A letter written by Frida Berrigan was circulated outlining the goals of the Unify and Resist movement with respect to the current political climate. A motion was made by Bob to endorse the letter and add the Party as a signer of the letter.  
Second by Bud. Approved by consensus.
6. Updates

- a. State of the City:
  - i. The City budget public hearing will be held at the Sci&Tech High School auditorium at 7PM.
- b. Education:
  - i. No report
- c. Riverside Park/NENL:
  - i. Neighbor Day will take place on 5/21 at Riverside Park from 10-1.
  - ii. The Conservancy received a \$10,000 grant for planting native plants.
- d. Thinking Green:

Tentative schedule:

5/9: Sierra Club members will discuss renewable energy

5/16: FRESH

5/23: Baird Welch-Collins discussing the CT Green Party

5/30: Justin Grabel will discuss his coral lab

6/6: TBD

- 7. Announcements
  - a. None.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Bob. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

*Approved on June 4, 2017.*