

New London Green Party

June 4, 2017 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), Bud McAllister, Jon Balchunas, Erick Carrion, Mirna Martinez, Stephanie Gregerman, Dan Spurr. Guests: Emily Garfinkel, Baird Welch-Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

1. Minutes from the 5/7/2017 regular meeting were approved by consensus. Motion made by Bob, seconded by Bud.
2. Treasurer's report: No Activity. Current balance is \$669.48.
3. State Central Committee:
 - a. There was a discussion of a budget.
 - b. New Chapters are being formed in New Milford and northeast CT.
 - c. Ronna has draft minutes available on request.
 - d. Media committee
 - i. Josh Steele-Kelly has volunteered to coordinate a media committee.
4. Old business
 - a. Outreach Committee
No Activity
 - b. Town Committee
Nominating meeting for BOE will be held on 6/14 at the FRESH garden at 6:30pm.
 - c. Fracking Waste Ban
A weak state bill was passed to implement a fracking waste ban statewide.
 - 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
Developed a youth logo.
Also developing t-shirts in conjunction with Spark Makerspace.
The Youth Committee is hosting an event with a screening of Requiem for the American Dream.
5. New Business
Tabling and sponsorship opportunities.
On 6/11 at 1pm at Parade Plaza, the NL Greens will be co-sponsoring OutCT's Unity & Pride event with the possibility of having a party member speak at the event.
The party has reserved a table at Sailfest, and will need volunteers to operate the table from 7/7-7/9.

8/26 The NL Greens will be tabling at OutCT's event at Ocean Beach Park.

6. Updates

- a. State of the City:
 - i. The City budget was approved by the Council, with a roughly 10% mill rate increase. A referendum is anticipated.
- b. Education:
 - i. BOE funding was fully restored for the FY18 budget.
 - ii. A transgender policy was passed.
- c. Riverside Park/NENL:
 - i. No updates
- d. Thinking Green:

Tentative schedule:

6/6: Jean Jordan Juneteenth Day

6/13: TBD

6/20: Glenn Cheney and Mark Patnode

6/27: TBD

7. Announcements

- a. 6/10: Juneteenth Day celebration at OIC and the Hempsted Houses.
- b. 6/11: Unity & Pride celebration at Parade Plaza.

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

Approved on July 2, 2017.