

New London Green Party

January 10, 2018 – 19 Evergreen Ave, New London

Attendees: Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller, Jana Flaherty, Danny Spurr, Margarita Mogollón. Guests: Rob Barstow, Baird Welch-Collins, Emily Garfinkel

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

- 1) Minutes from 12/3/17 approved
- 2) Treasurer report: 1/10 report filed; 7-day preceding amend
Income: Donation \$20. Expenditures: (UPS, Taxes, Nation Builder) \$58.80.
Current balance: \$138.50. Upcoming Obligations: Jason Ortiz \$500.
The Treasurer's Report was accepted into record unanimously.
- 3) State Central Committee report - Meeting is Thursday January 25th, 7-9pm.
Regarding speaking event – discussed waiting until March for better weather.
Fundraiser for State Green Party is 4 -7pm, Sunday Jan. 21st. Last meeting, Ronna, Erick & Daryl were voted in as Chapter voting members at State Committee. Annual meeting will likely be scheduled at the next meeting and looking for people to run for office. Fundraiser to be discussed also to try to get less-enfranchised Greens involved.
- 4) Old business
 - (a) Outreach and fundraising: Discussed ideas for Spring fundraiser: Past – Spring Equinox event - March 17 or 21; Soup fundraiser suggested for February; Music event at Washington St Coffeehouse; Breakfast/brunch event.
Created a fundraiser committee of Ronna, Mirna, Mar and Bob.
 - (b) New London Green Youth: No report.
 - (c) 2018 Campaign: We do have a ballot line for State Rep. 39th district and can run against Chris Soto. Baird stated he opposes running someone for State Senate, U.S. 2nd District House US Senate because Waterford Greens are fostering relationship with Waterford Dems at this time. We have a national ballot line for Congress. Will likely have a nominating convention in late July. We also have several lines for State Offices – US Senate, Attorney General, Comptroller, Secretary of the State – but not for Governor.
- 5) New business: None
- 6) Updates
 - (a) State of the City: Recycling forum canceled last Thursday. More and higher level discussions occurring on recycling. We want as many Greens at City Council for PAYT grant vote to make discussion/comments. PAYT has a lot of financial incentive for less trash and increased recycling. Discussed NL getting contract for composting with local farms. Dan proposed having a recycling committee meeting before the forum. Discussed the Landlord (LL) tenant issue that LL will likely pass the cost of trash bags onto the tenants and addressing all the complaints on the online discussion thread. Also discussed putting on State agenda a recycling fee for nip bottles.

- (b) Education and the Board: The Superintendent search continues. Next Superintendent search committee meeting is Wed., January 17th. Press release is going out for the position. Board of Education is now meeting 2x per month, upcoming meetings are January 11th and 25th. Tomorrow night is a forum on the budget at 6pm Science and Tech Lecture Hall. Budget planning is way behind due to State budget issue. Orientation for new members is on January 27th – hope to have presentation or info on Restorative Practices. ECS back from state was reappropriated to Board of Education.
- (c) Riverside Park/NENL: Brian Sear and Dave Denoya came to the Riverside Park meeting and it looks like they will create a sidewalk and rebuild the pavillion, do SW/erosion control around playscape. Members gave them additional ideas. Rec'd a 10k enviro grant to get rid of invasive plants and to plant natives. Monthly planting parties to come.
- (d) Environmental Actions and Social Advocacy:
 1. Recycling: See discussion under State of the City.
 2. Baird said Waterford will try to do fracking waste ban and Waterford greens are doing a bird and bat house fundraiser for the park.
 3. Discussed the Alewife Cove conservancy –NL and Waterford sides to prevent / remediate the silting problem.
- (e) Community Land Trust – NL meeting next Wed, Jan 31st at Benny Dover during/after Community Meal. Video clips available to get up to speed. Homes and Hands showing at Mar and Alma's at 6:30 on Wed 17th (Date changed to Friday, Jan. 19th). 40 minute movie with 3 concrete examples of different communities that formed Land Trusts.
- (f) Opiates – Foster care system is overwhelmed due to the problem. Looking for program to support Foster parents in NL. Resources at Foster America website. Bud is talking to Jeannie Millstein about this.
- (g) There are some people interested in starting a DSA (Dem-Socialist of America) Organization (non-partisan)
- (h) Women's March in Hartford is January 20, 1-3 pm. Baird and/or Ronna will set up the Greens table. Carpoolers wanted and All Souls' has buses \$15 for a ride.
- (i) Thinking Green: seeking guests for February.

Next meeting will be the second Sunday in February (tentative) due to Superbowl; Discussed changing day of meetings - polling to all NL members (73 registered on list). Actual date changed by emailing: Friday, Feb. 9th, 7 pm.
 Motion to adjourn by Bob, 2nd by Ronna; adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Subject to approval.