

New London Green Party

Sunday, August 2, 2020 – Zoom online conference

In attendance: Sharmaine Gregor, Mirna Martínez, Danny Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller, Wasaka.
Guest: Stephan Ramdohr.

Start time 7:10pm.

1. Meeting minutes: Wasaka moved to approve the June 7 minutes, 2nd by Bob; passed by consensus.
2. Treasurer's report: No activity this month; balance remains \$275.44. Report was accepted into the record by consensus.
3. Green Party of CT updates
 - (a) The Presidential nominating convention was held on Saturday, July 11. Connecticut's delegates were apportioned according to the mail-in vote results: 6 for Howie Hawkins, 3 for Dario Hunter, and 2 for (write-in) Jesse Ventura. Hawkins was endorsed in the first round as this year's presidential candidate, with Angela Walker as his running mate. GPCT's 7 electors were approved at the last State Central Committee meeting on July 22, and documentation is in the process of being gathered for ballot access here.
 - (b) The next SCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, as a Zoom conference; it will also be noticed as a nominating meeting, the last opportunity for statewide candidate endorsements before the September 2 deadline.
4. Old Business
 - A. 2020 elections:

2nd Congressional District - Cassandra Martineau was endorsed at the regional nominating convention on July 12. Ronna is serving as her treasurer, and a bank account and online donations will be up and running soon. The campaign will be seeking opportunities for publicity and fundraising.

3rd Congressional District - Justin Paglino is in the final week of petitioning for ballot access. He has collected over 2000 signatures but will continue to go out through Wednesday to have an adequate buffer to withstand rejections.

39th CT Assembly District - We are still seeking a candidate who will bring attention to important issues that might be ignored by the Democratic and Republican candidates (Anthony Nolan and Kat Goulart, respectively). It was suggested that we approach Hearing Youth Voices, FRESH-NL, and NAACP Youth Council for potential candidates, as New London's youth have been showing real leadership in justice advocacy.
 - B. 2020 issues and goals: It was suggested that we form interest groups for issues that members want to work on (including, perhaps, city budget, urban agriculture, zoning policy, community energy). A survey will be created to assess interest in various topics, assess interest, and begin organizing work groups.
5. Updates and announcements - Now is the time to apply to be a Green Justice of the Peace; window is August 1-November 1, and the term runs concurrently with the US Presidential term of office. The application will be circulated as soon as it is available.
5. Next meeting will be held on August 30, 3:00pm, at either Bates Woods or Riverside Park. (Ronna will check availability with Parks & Rec.) It will also be noticed as a nominating meeting, so we can endorse a candidate for the 39th district.

Bob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Danny; passed by consensus. End time 8:30pm.

Approved on January 3, 2021.

