

## New London Green Party

Minutes from chapter meeting, 6/8/08

Members in attendance: , Ronna Stuller (chair), Laura Cordes, Bud McAllister, Bob Stuller

Recorder: Ronna Stuller

1. The minutes from the last two meetings, 4/13 and 5/18, were available for review, but not enough people who attended those meetings were present for approval. Ronna will send them out with the minutes from today's meeting for review.

2. There was no Treasurer's report.

3. No one from the New London Greens was available to attend the May State Central Committee meeting. Ronna shared with the group the Fairfield Green Party's proposal to amend the definition of a member to require Green Party registration, which is appropriate now that all CT towns must recognize Green affiliation. She emailed the SCC members prior to the meeting her opinion that the changes should be sent to chapters this month for discussion, then voted on at the June SCC meeting. Laura has asked that creating a CT Green Party budget be placed on the SCC agenda, but it is unknown whether that happened.

4. Old business

(a) Town Committee follow-up was tabled till next month.

(b) 2008 elections

The Republicans have nominated Jason Catala to run against Ernest Hewitt in the 39th district. Bob moved, and Laura seconded, that we form a subcommittee to explore the possibility of running a Green candidate in this race, and to seek out potential candidates. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Deshefy is still collecting signatures for his Congressional run, and he seeks help. One thing we would like to do, in early fall, is to host an event to give New Londoners the opportunity to meet him and to raise funds for his campaign.

(c) Yard Sale planning

The sale is scheduled to be held at Ken and Ashley's place on Saturday, July 5. We will be able to pick up and store leftovers from the All Souls sale in June. The following day, Ken has offered to host a chapter meeting/picnic.

(d) NAACP banquet participation

Andy has requested responses from Greens interested in attending the NAACP

banquet and/or contributing to a scholarship. The minimum scholarship amount

is \$500, and we have commitments for only about half that amount so far. Because the banquet ticket includes NAACP membership, it is recommended that individuals purchase their own tickets. Greens who attend are planning to mingle, rather than sit together at a reserved table.

## 6. Updates

(a) Re-New London Council

Next meeting will be held on June 18, 5:30 PM, at the New London Library. Envisioning New London 2020, a community facilitated by August Jacacci and sponsored by RNLC, will be held on Thursday, June 26, at 3 PM, at the Garde Gallery on the corner of State and Meridian Streets.

(b) Thinking Green

On hiatus over the summer. Our shows are all booked through the end of June, and there are openings in MetroCast's summer schedule on Monday night at 8 PM, if we want to have an occasional program.

(c) NLSCIC

Laura reported that bylaws have been approved, and that the Committee has set some goals: (1) getting NL City Council to sign the Mayors' Accord; (2) 20% clean energy by 2020; and (3) conducting a New London energy audit. Next meeting is June 19, 7 PM, at the Martin Center.

(d) Charter Commission

Next meeting is Monday, June 9, 6:30 PM, at City Hall (Council Chambers). Form of government is the topic to be covered. Public is encouraged to attend.

7. Announcements

Bud reported on the Eastern CT Builders Association interest in supportive housing projects.

8. Our July meeting/picnic will be held on Sunday, July 6, at the Hanson residence. Time to be determined. [Note: time was set at 3 PM following the meeting.]