

NEW LONDON GREENS
Minutes of the Chapter meeting,
September 7, 2008, 6:30 pm
at 19 Evergreen Ave, New London,
Bob and Ronna Stuller's house

Members present:

Ronna Stuller, chair
Andy Derr, secy
Art Costa
Pete de la Rosa
Ken Hanson
Bob Stuller

Others present:

Scott Deshefy
Lorraine Simister

1. Approval of minutes

One correction- the correct name is now the New London Sustainability Committee, or NLSC. Ken moved, and Art seconded, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present, and there was no report.

3. State Central Committee

Ronna reports that all 5 Congressional districts will have a Green candidate this year. Ralph Ferrucci is apparently the candidate in the New Haven district.

Doug Schwartz from New London spoke to the SCC about corruption in the Probate Courts and other areas of CT government. He was asking the Greens to become active in this area. There was some interest expressed by members of the SCC.

A representative from Health Care for Everyone asked for the CT Greens endorsement. The SCC declined to endorse them because they do not support single payer.

4. Old business

a. 2008 Elections - tabled to the end of the meeting

b. IAM festival- this Saturday on the Waterfront Park. We have a table for voter outreach. Coverage was arranged.

5. New business

a. Town Committee- we've passed it, now we have to decide the details of how the TC is elected and how it operates. She volunteered herself and t Chris and Andy, the officers of the Chapter and the TC, to begin the process. Art also volunteered, and Ronna suggesting asking Pat Bolles. Ronna will send out an e-mail to the list asking for help.

6. Updates

a. Re-New London. Art reported on the latest activity. The Greater NL Farm to City Coalition has met a second time, and has formed a working group. Various ideas are being explored, including a Farm to School project, and a Food Policy Council that could advise City Council.

b. Land Value Tax- The working group is meeting at Barun Basu's office on Broad St. They have written a position paper, met with Councilors Pero, Maynard, and Buscetto, and will be asking City Council to pass a resolution supporting a legislative change making LVT available to CT cities. They will be meeting with the editorial board at The Day, and hope for a bipartisan bill in the Legislature in January.

c. Sustainability Committee- Ken reports that City Council has passed the Mayors Climate Accord. The NLSC will be submitting a budget , is working on a Sustainability Fair at the Magnet High School in late October, and has suggested that they have a representative on the board of Ed Building Committee.

d. Thinking Green- Ronna reminds us that we start up in October again. We'll be on Thursdays at 7 pm. Scott Deshefy will be the guest on the first show, Oct. 2.

e. Charter Revision Commission- Art reports that the public hearing on the Charter Revision Proposals is tomorrow night at 6 pm at the City Council chambers. They have split the process, because they need to know what form of government we'll have, before tackling many other issues. Strong mayor will be on the ballot in November. The increase to 20% for a referendum has been

dropped. District representation and majority rule elections are still not getting any support. He urges us all to attend the Public Hearing tomorrow.

f. The Budget Referendum is Tuesday.

7. Announcements

- a. Dinner on the Farm - Benefit for Fiddleheads. Sat Sept 13
- b. Green Drinks - Social Networking for small g greens . Wednesday the 10th at Tony D's.
- c. Peace Concert at FCCOL, September 21. We have been offered a table for our candidates
- d. Panel discussion at CCSU in New Britain on Sept 15 "Will the environment will or lose?"
- e. Peace Pilgrims send off Sept 28, Williams Park 1-4

8. Next meeting Sunday October 5th, at Bob and Ronna's, 19 Evergreen Ave. 5:45 for Potluck supper, 6:30 sharp for the meeting to start.

4a elections

Ken Hanson for State Representative

Ken is confirmed on the ballot by the Sec . of State. The LWV has invited him to participate in their Voter Guide. He will have a web site, <kenhanson39ctrep.com> He is not participating in the CitiZen's Election Program. There was some discussion of the Republican's plans, and what Jason Catala plans to do. Ken says that his understanding is that Jason will not actively campaign, and may withdraw his name from the ballot.

Ken needs help with platform development, fundraising, running events, and LTE's. He anticipates a total expenditure of \$2,000.

Scott Deshefy for Congress

Scott has been invited to participate in the debates, including the first one on October 7th at the Garde. He is still talking with the LWV about their requirements. He has tickets, and will be given 25 VIP seats, and needs help organizing these.

He needs contributions, LTE's , places to appear and people to talk to,
and people to staff phone banks.

Andy Derr, Sec;y