

## New London Greens Regular Membership Meeting

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**, 6:30 pm, at Homeward Bound Treasures, Golden Street, New London

Present: Andy Derr, Ronna Stuller, John Russell, Ron Suresha, Rick Buell, Lorain Simister, Art Costa, Bob Stuller

Guest: G. Scott Deshefy, Green candidate for Congress, CT 2nd District

**1. Minutes.** February meeting minutes submitted by Andy. John moved to accept, Lorain 2nded: passed. Still need January mtg. minutes from Chris.

**2. Treasurer report.** Report submitted in absentia by treasurer Chris Nelson: Current balance: \$1,062.47.

**3. State Central Committee report.** Andy / Ron. Discussed prospective new chapter in Meriden. Annual mtg. tentatively, April 24th, 11:00 am - ?. Platform committee for state Greens. Court date for appellate court next couple weeks, Andy discussed implications. Ballot access for statewide offices. Getting NLG reps to go up to SCC meeting on rotation.

### 4. Old business

a. **Land Value Tax**, Art. At last month's council session on LVT, good turnout from Greens. Council moved to request extension. Norwich has inquired about taking up LVT if NL drops ball. Art thinks issue may be seriously stalled, but it will need demonstrated public support - hence he initiated a petition drive which requires NLG support. Petition needs signatures from landowners who support LVT, Art requested help getting sigs and circulated copies of petition. Art moved that NLG support move to obtain extension for pilot program, Bob 2nded: passed.

b. **Scott Deshefy**, campaign for Congress. Coming events: WILI radio interview; Montville, Teaparty Patriots; TG, April & June; Stonington Borough, Sierra Club. Contact with Merrick Alpert, possible convert to Green Party after Blumenthal wins primary. Scott has developed position papers. Deshefyforcongress.org: website up and running.

c. **Regional chapter.** Was earlier intention for SE CT Greens to maintain regional chapter activity; Andy wants to use Deshefy campaign to develop regional chapter, esp. promising in Norwich; needs support for this over time. Ideas discussed.

d. **Town Committee.** 3 vacancies; 1st, 4th, and 6th districts. Discussed possibilities for filling slate.

### 5. New business

a. **Vacancies on City Commissions.** Ronna brought a list of current vacancies for city commissions. Greens (and non-Greens) are encouraged to apply for positions. Ron questioned committee selection process in view of LVT committee failure.

b. **Meeting dates** for upcoming year.

**2010:** 4/11. 5/2. 6/6. 7/4. 8/8. 9/5. 10/3. 11/7. 12/5. **2011:** 1/2. 2/6. 3/6. Continue meeting location at HBT. Potluck must end promptly at 6:30 before meeting; if bringing food, please come at 5:30 pm.

c. **Town Committee** meeting, 3/28, 6:30pm, Andy's house (location tentative).

d. **State Representative candidate.** No prospects at present, but still interested in finding motivated candidate.

### 6. Reports from elected Greens.

**John R:** Explained budget issues. Tree issues. John has been "appointed" Homeless Liaison.

**Ronna S:** Finance Committee meeting walkout fiasco explained.

### 7. Updates

a. **ReNew London Council.** Art: NL Local First is going well. RNLC is doing two studies: one is discussing economic leakage to study importing goods locally; Reconnecting New London, connecting North end of town to downtown (grew out of TG show!). Also met with Bike NL to discuss collaborative event.

b. **Thinking Green.** Ronna: need guest for 3/18. Other possible guests discussed. Starting 4/8, show start time switches to 8:00 pm Thursday.

c. **Sustainability Committee.** Ken absent, no report. Bob reported on SLE. Bob reported on FRESH NL, new community gardens at Calkins Park.

### 8. Announcements.

**9. Next meeting** day and time: 4/11. Potluck, 5:30 pm; meeting, 6:30 pm.

John moved, Art 2nded, to close meeting: passed.

Submitted,

R. Suresha, Secretary