

New London Green Party
June 7, 2015 - 19 Evergreen Avenue

In attendance: Stephanie Gregerman, Tim Hanser (facilitator), Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Jason Morris, Dan Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder).

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.

Minutes from the 5/3/15 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: No activity this month. Balance remains \$1,132.27.

State Central Committee: No SCC meeting has been held since the Annual Meeting. One is scheduled for Monday, June 15. Ronna and Bud are planning to attend. Selection of representatives for national committees is on the agenda.

Old business

- (1) Town Committee: Met on May 31. Platforms for City Council and Board of Education are in process (with Tim, Kris and Ronna working on city; Mirna, Jason and Ronna working on education). Candidate search is in process as well, and strategies for success continue to be discussed. Our nominating meeting has been tentatively set for July 14, at the FRESH community garden site. Next town committee meeting will be held on June 28, 7pm.
- (2) NLGP outreach: Yard sale tentatively scheduled for June 27 at Ken Hanson's house. Update of literature is planned. Committee will meet on June 12, 2pm.

New business

- (1) Fulton Park picnic: Bud suggested that we offer a donation due to the Police Union's withdrawal of sponsorship; Ronna has spoken with Police Community Relations Committee member Tracee Reiser, who will contact us if help is needed. Stephanie moved, Ronna seconded, that NLGP donate up to \$100 for the picnic; passed unanimously.

Updates

- (1) State of the City: Budget was passed by Council, then vetoed by Mayor; process has seemed overly politicized by both sides. LED streetlights and regional dispatch are moving forward. Assessment of space needs for city government is being conducted.
- (2) Education: MOU with The Garde was approved (Mirna opposed) despite concerns about funding priorities and school governance. Strategic Operating Plan: concerns include merit pay for superintendent based on test scores, while other goals and measures are lacking. NL Parent Advocates will present Discipline Report to BOE on June 22, 7pm, at STMHS.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: DPW has installed a few wayfinding signs on Williams St; Kent+Frost have been presenting the updated park master plan; Veolia approved a grant for expanding the rain garden at Riverside Park.
- (4) Thinking Green: Summer hiatus starts in July; Tim and Stephanie may be interested in 6//23 slot to talk about city budget plus rail updates; other June dates are booked.

Announcements & upcoming events

Commuter Rail meeting with Sen. Blumenthal, June 29 or 30.
New London Storytelling Center, July 16

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, July 5.

Approved by consensus on July 5, 2015.