

New London Green Party

September 6, 2015 - FRESH Community Garden

In attendance: Stephanie Gregerman, Tim Hanser, Mirna Martinez, Bud McAllister, Jason Morris, Dan Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Ashley Gillece, Arthur Lerner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm.

Minutes from the 8/2 regular meeting were approved with one abstention (Mirna).

Treasurer's report: One donation of \$100 was deposited; bank balance is \$1,638.99. In addition, proceeds from yesterday's tag sale - \$578 - will be deposited on Tuesday, bringing our total to \$2216.99. Tim reported an additional \$115 to be collected.

State Central Committee: SCC did not meet in August; next meeting is Tuesday, September 8. Ronna plans to attend.

Old business

(1) 2015 Campaign and Outreach: Campaign manager Ashley Gillece was introduced. Ask letters are in process of being mailed; return anticipated to be ~\$4200. Additional fundraising and outreach ideas were discussed: pancake breakfast, face painting event, office launch party, clothing swap, art displays; collaboration with Conn to bring Rosa Clemente to NL. We are also planning park clean-ups for outreach and education. Ideas for promotional merchandise: tee shirts, NLGP pins, plantable coasters, potholders.

As we are running more candidates this year than anticipated, our \$5000 campaign budget is not adequate. Ashley has estimated our needs at ~\$9200; we will schedule a Town Committee meeting soon to discuss and approve an updated budget.

New business

(1) Vacancies on NL boards and commissions: The NL Housing Authority; Planning & Zoning Commission; and Conservation, Inland Wetlands & Shade Tree Commission are all seeking members; a Green perspective would be highly beneficial. Application is available on the CONL website.

Updates

(1) State of the City: Democratic primary on 9/16 has dominated local politics.

(2) Education: Equity & Diversity Policy and new Recess Policy have had first readings; Safe Futures was chosen to implement Restorative Discipline. Dr. Rivera's presentation on NLPS vision can be viewed online: <https://youtu.be/ZsmHQUBHSck>.

(3) Riverside Park/NENL: Upcoming events: Saturday, September 12, 10-1, Riverside Park clean-up hosted by NL Greens; Sunday, September 13, 10-2, Riverside Park clean-up with USCGA cadets; Saturday, September 19, 11-4, Down by the Riverside Festival

(4) Tim shared info about Strong Towns and suggested a future event in NL.

Announcements & upcoming events

Thursday, September 17, Statewide Mobilization for Climate Justice, 6:30pm DEEP hearing

Saturday, September 19, 2pm-2am (NLGP is tabling 2-10pm)

Saturday, September 19, Coastal Clean-up planned at Fulton Park

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, October 4.

Approved by consensus on 10/4/15.