

New London Green Party

October 2, 2016 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Mirna Martinez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), John Balchunas, Margarita Mogollon, Bud McAllister.
Guests: Baird Welch-Collins, Emily Garfinkel, Lauren Shaw, Alek Chandra

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes from the 9/11/16 regular meeting were approved by consensus, with the following corrections: correct the date of the meeting to September 11. Motion made by Mirna, seconded by Bud.

Treasurer's report: Expenditures of \$100. No deposits. Current balance is \$1425.48.

State Central Committee: A Media Relations Committee was created by two of the three co-chairs. The Committee consists of one person (Rolf Maurer).

The Stein event in Windham drew over 100 people and was recorded by CT-N. There was good interaction with UCONN students who want to form a chapter. The Stein event at CCSU was covered by NPR, NBC, and CT-N.

Old business

a) Outreach Committee

a. Events Update

- (1) Green Moms: On Hiatus. A request made to remove it from the standing agenda.
- (2) NL Progressives Happy Hour: On hiatus.
- (3) There is a fundraiser scheduled for Jonathan Pelto on October 14th at 85 Cove View Road.

b) Town Committee

No actions of the Town Committee.

New business

- a) There was a discussion about organizing an observation of Indigenous People's Day at the Columbus statue.

Updates

- (1) State of the City:

- a) There was a general discussion of the state of the proposed change to the C2 zone. Public hearing is still open.
- b) The City Council approved new contracts for the police and fire unions. Both contracts include wage increases, but the increases were never budgeted.
- c) The City is working with FRESH to develop community gardens at McDonald Park (corner of Connecticut Avenue and McDonald).

(2) Education:

- a) There is an ongoing discussion regarding BOE-funded nurses at Williams School and St. Joe's. Due to Williams School's needs, resources may be drawn from St. Joe's to Williams.
- b) There is an emergency boiler repair at NLHS to ensure that heat is maintained through the winter. The condition of the boilers has been an ongoing issue, with emergency repairs made to one of the boilers two years ago.
- c) BrigAid is running in the high school and will be operating in the middle school soon.
- d) The schools are still not recycling. Mirna has been trying to work with the school staff to make the necessary changes, but has been met with resistance.

(3) Riverside Park/NENL:

- a) Down by the Riverside Festival took place on 9/17. They are currently looking for a location to display 20-25 paintings created at the event.
- b) Both the State and Federal governments have accepted the Historic District application for the Hodges Square neighborhood. The neighborhood is now designated a Historic District.
- c) There is an upcoming proposal to change the Maritime Industrial Zone. The change has potential impacts on parcels adjacent to Riverside Park.

(4) Thinking Green:

Tentative schedule:

10/4 Jonathan Pelto with Ronna hosting

10/11 Ronna with Tim hosting

10/18 Lauren with Tim hosting

10/25 and 11/1 are to be determined

(5) Additional Updates

none

Announcements

Candidate forums:

10/12 LOT forum for 39th and 41st districts at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center

10/27 NL Landmarks forum for the 39th and 41st districts.

2nd Congressional district events:

10/20 at ECSU from 7-9 PM

10/23 in Hadlyme

10/25 at Conn College from 7-9 PM

10/26 Enfield High School

10/27 Clinton High School

11/1 AARP in Colchester at 2PM

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Mirna. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, November 6th, 7pm.

Approved on November 6, 2016.