

New London Green Party

February 12, 2017 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Mirna Martinez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), Bud McAllister. Guests: Jana Flaherty, Dan Thompson, Maureen Connaughton, Jason Morris.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

1. Minutes from the 1/8/2017 regular meeting were approved by consensus. Motion made by Mirna, seconded by Bob.
2. Treasurer's report: No Activity. Current balance is \$745.48.
3. State Central Committee:
 - a. Next SCC meeting: March 9th, 6:30 PM at the Portland Senior Center.
 - b. Annual meeting, Sunday April 30th at the Portland Senior Center.
4. Old business
 - a. Town Committee Elections
 - i. The following people were nominated to the Town Committee (with district in parentheses):
 1. Jennifer Farragher (3. Freedom Trail)
 2. Kris Wraight (5. South of Bank)
 3. Margarita Mogollón (7. South End)
 4. Dan Spurr (At-large)
 - ii. Motion made by Bob, seconded by Tim to elect all nominees. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Outreach Committee
 - i. Bystander Intervention Training was held on 1/12.
 - ii. There was a discussion about making two monthly meetings a year more social in nature to attract new members and increase participation.
 - c. Town Committee
No activity.
 - d. Fracking Waste Ban
A proposed ordinance was presented to City Council on 2/6. It was well-received by Council members, and will be reviewed by the City Attorney before taking a vote.
5. Updates
 - a. State of the City:
 - i. There was a discussion on state budget impacts. As proposed, the state budget would lead to more funds to the City and BOE as a whole. Slight reductions in ECS and PILOT are offset by increases to special education funds and increased property tax revenue by removing the real property exemption for hospitals.

- b. Education:
 - i. The Superintendent presented a budget of \$69.7 million, which represents a 5.6% increase over the current fiscal year.
 - ii. There is one reading about changes to the uniform policy scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd at 7pm in the STEM high school lecture hall.
- c. Riverside Park/NENL:
 - i. There are concerns about the status of the stairs that were supposed to be built from Winthrop School into the park. Loss of funding for the final phase of the Winthrop School project has placed the construction in limbo.
 - ii. Hodges Square Village Association will have their February meeting on Monday, February 13th at 5:30 at Sun Turtle (1 Bailey Circle)
- d. Thinking Green:

Tentative schedule:

2/14: TBD

2/21: Kathy Hermes will discuss her latest book about suicide

2/28: Luther Weeks, CT Secular Coalition

6. Announcements

- a. Republic:Ed will be hosting a movie, *Speaking in Tongues*, at the Writers Block on Monday 2/20 from 4:30-6:30. Food will be provided.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, seconded by Mirna. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, March 5th, 7pm.

Approved on March 5, 2017.