

New London Green Party

March 3, 2019 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Margarita Mogollón, Daniel Spurr, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Bob Stuller (arrived at 7:49).

Mirna called the meeting to order at 7:23pm.

1) Minutes from January 6 regular meeting and January 20 nominating meeting: Danny moved to approve with suggested edits, 2nd by Margarita; passed unanimously.

2) Treasurer's report: No report this month; table to next meeting.

3) State Central Committee: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 7pm at the Portland Senior Center. There was a brief discussion on issues related to the state party that affect our New London chapter. Information about this year's Green Party US annual meeting in Salem MA was shared; we hope that several New London Greens will attend, and that Mirna will be able to present a workshop on her campaign.

4) Old business

a) Special election debrief: Though Mirna came in second with 29% of the vote, many people (in New London and around the country) were inspired by her campaign, which achieved many firsts: CEP qualification. The campaign team is planning a debriefing session later this week.

b) The following issues and projects were discussed:

(1) A statewide plastic bag ban or tax is being considered, but this seems to be a good time for local action in collaboration with neighboring towns. We will obtain sample language and gather individuals who worked on the fracking waste ban in order to start the process here.

(2) We are still enthusiastic about holding a solidarity event at Mike Alewitz's museum. An April date seems most likely; guest list should include CT Fire & Police Union, AFSCME, and socialist supporters of Peter Goselin's AG campaign.

(3) March 30 has been set as a possible date for a follow-up Bates Woods clean-up; we will follow up with Tambria, as well as with organizations that could provide volunteers for the effort.

c) We are seeking candidates for municipal elections - for Mayor, City Council, Board of Education. A Town Committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

5) New business

a) We briefly discussed proposed legislation of interest, some we will want to support, and some to oppose: ranked choice voting, universal health care, public bank, fracking waste, credit union exemptions.

b) A forum on industrial hemp, co-hosted by CT United for Reform and Equity and Hidden Acres Farm, is being held on May 31. The NL Greens have been offered the opportunity to be a vendor/cosponsor for a \$35 fee. Bob moved to co-sponsor the event, 2nd by Danny; passed unanimously.

6) Updates

(a) State of the City: Replacement of Anthony Nolan on Council to be determined; work has started on the budget.

(b) Education and the Board: The board is transitioning to a new budget process initiated by Superintendent Ritchie. A new resolution addresses recruitment of teachers and

administrators of color.

- (c) The Sustainability Committee is looking to hire a consultant to oversee the watershed, which includes Greens Harbor, Alewife Cove, and other coastal areas.
- (d) Thinking Green: Jason Ortiz will be guest on 3/5; working on scheduling remainder of March.

7) Announcements and upcoming events

March 23: Hodges Square clean-up sponsored by Bike New London

Next meeting will be Sunday, April 7. Ronna moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mirna; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:05pm.

Subject to approval.