

## **New London Green Party**

April 7, 2019 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Andrew Lopez, Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Margarita Mogollón, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Bob Stuller, Kris Wraight. Guests: Frank Maletz, Libby Nye, Stephan Ramdohr.

Mirna called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

- 1) Minutes from the March 3 meeting: deferred to next month.
- 2) Treasurer's report: Bob reported \$350.35 in expenses (nominating notice and meeting, PO box renewal, Anedot fees, event sponsorship) and \$1,200 in income (from personal donations); balance is \$1,683.58.
- 3) Green Party of CT updates: The Annual Meeting and Internal Elections will be held on Saturday, May 18; committees to work on the program and the mailing were formed at the March 27 State Central Committee meeting, which was also the deadline for internal candidates to declare. Candidates are: Co-chair - Michelle Bicking, Owen Charles, Mike DeRosa, Cheryl Curtiss, Dustin Fiore, Peter Goselin; Secretary - Barbara Barry, Ronna Stuller; Treasurer - David Bedell, Bob Stuller. We will try to arrange carpooling to the meeting.
- 4) NL Green Town Committee met immediately prior to our regular meeting: election timeline was reviewed, including major party endorsements and petitioning/minor party endorsement deadlines; initial suggestions were made for candidates (more sought!) for Mayor, City Council, and Board of Education; and there was brief discussion about 2019 platform issues.
- 5) Old business
  - a) Follow-up on local issues and projects:
    - (1) Plastic bag ban: At a meeting last week, it was decided to use language from the Waterford proposal with minor adaptation; we hope to submit the proposal week of April 22 to have it on the May 6 City Council agenda. Getting a group of people to provide testimony will be necessary when the issue is brought up.
    - (2) Solidarity event: We will check with Mike Alewitz on whether April 28 will work for a Red Square museum tour.
    - (3) Bates Woods clean-up on hold for now; it was suggested that we reach out to HHC and other organizations for volunteers to help with the task.
  - b) Statewide legislative agenda
    - (1) Stephan shared information about the push to get a public option for healthcare in Connecticut; a screening of the film "Fix It" is planned for sometime in May.
    - (2) A bill authorizing a study of public banking has moved forward. Other proposed bills supporting equity were discussed; these include cannabis legalization and incorporating anti-racist history into school curriculum. It would be helpful to compile a list of legislation we are interested in along with their bill numbers.
- 5) New business
  - a) Fundraising: A yard sale is tentatively planned for May or June. Potential locations were discussed, but we will first ask Susan Munger who has hosted in past years.
- 6) Updates
  - (a) State of the City: The possible move of city offices to Shaw's Cove, concerns about its impact, and possible paths forward were discussed.

- (b) Education and the Board: The budget continues with staff and student input; district administration is being reorganized as part of the process.
- (c) Sustainability: The Solid Waste Task Force has received a lot of public input and presented its proposal to City Council at the budget hearing; large containers for recycling, cost to purchase more than a single trash bin are included in the plan.
- (d) Community Land Trust: Next community meeting will be on April 23; screenings of "Homes and Hands" have also been scheduled.
- (e) Thinking Green: April shows are booked: Jean de Smet, FRESH, Greg Stroud, OutCT.

7) Announcements and upcoming events

April 11: Medicare for All presentation in Pomfret

April 24: Medicare for All presentation in New Haven

May 31: The Other Green Rush - Industrial Hemp conference

June 2: Green & Golden intersection repainting

Next meeting will be Sunday, May 5. Ronna moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mirna; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:37pm.

*Subject to approval.*