

January 2, 2005, 6 pm

19 Evergreen Ave. New London Facilitator: Andy Derr Recorder: Ronna Stuller

Thinking Green:

We are starting our second season and will now air on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The T-G crew and hosts are planning to meet on January 10 to discuss plans for our upcoming season, as well as the possibility of creating a weekly pre-taped show for Channel 24. So far we have received good feedback on the show. Anyone who would like to join the rotation of hosts should contact us, we have an opening available.

Elections committee:

The committee plans to meet in early January to start implementing its plan. The biggest task is to create a nominating committee. Fundraising: Hoperfully we will have 3-4 fundraising events before November elections, perhaps beginning in February; invitations (postcards) will be sent to all registered Greens in NL County. We will need to have a PAC or campaign committee in order to solicit funds; Chris Nelson will check on the status of the NL Greens account. We are planning to conduct door-to-door canvassing in the 1st District is planned for April and to visit the various neighborhood associations.

CT Green Party:

A committee has been formed to determine whether maintaining a state GP office is feasible; political divisions are likely to prevent continued maintenance of the office. The annual state convention, at which next year's leaders will be chosen, is scheduled for March.

Southeast CT Chapter:

We agreed that the NL Greens would be happy to support revitalization of the SECT Greens, but we are not in the position to initiate the process.

New London Charter revision:

Ken Hanson, Andy Derr and Bob Stuller went to the public hearing and reported on the very low attendance by citizens. Another public meeting is not anticipated until the commission presents its recommendations. Meanwhile, any input can be given to Tim Hanser. Perhaps we can devote a Thinking Green program to charter-related issues.

Earth Day:

Although there have always been individual Greens involved in Earth Day planning, it would be desirable for the NL Green Party to have a presence this year. The committee has be grappling with the issue of how to best organize music and speakers during the event. One fundraising event earned \$176; other fundraisers may be in the works.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6 @ 6:00 p.m. Ronna will facilitate, and Andy will record.