

New London Greens
Chapter of the CT Green Party
Minutes of Monthly meeting
December 9, 2007
3:30 pm
at the home of Chris Nelson and Laura Cordes
7 Greenes Alley, New London, CT 06320

Members present:

Ronna Stuller, chair
Chris Nelson, treasurer
Andy Derr, secretary
Sheila Herbert
Art Costa
Ken Hanson
Laura Cordes

1. State Central Committee Report

- NL reps didn't attend the November SCC meeting.
- Cliff Thornton is now the National Green Party co-chair.
- California and 3 other states and DC will have a Green presidential primary, along with the Democrats and Republicans. There will be 7 candidates in CA, including Ralph Nader, Cynthia McKinney, and Elaine Brown
 - The Bylaws revision continues
 - Ronna wasn't clear if a budget had been passed.
- Jean deSmet will resign as State co-chair at some point, since her election as First Selector of Windham
- Ronna, Ken, Pete de la Rosa, and Chris are our elected representatives to the SCC. Laura Cordes was nominated and elected to serve as an additional representative.

2. Treasurer's report

Chris reports that the balance is \$540.22, and there has been no activity this month.

2A. Town Committee (additional agenda item)

Discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of forming a Green Town Committee. Chris will research the legalities etc and report to the chapter in February.

3. Campaign wrap-up

- Andy reports that there is still about \$400 to be raised to zero out the campaign.
- Andy and the candidates will meet on Saturday Dec 15 to sign the Thank you cards to contributors and volunteers.
- We will meet on Sunday, Jan 20 at 4:00 pm at Chris and Laura's house to discuss ways to improve the 2009 campaign

4. Building party and Community in 2008

Scott Deshefy is running for Congress in the 2nd district! Web site is
www.newmenu.org/deshefy4congress_ct

- Other ideas for building public awareness of Greens
 - Working on local economy issues
 - Third Thursday as in Willimantic
 - Riverside Park
 - Thinking Green

Members are urged to bring written proposals to the January meeting, to be discussed at the February meeting.

5. Thinking Green

- All shows booked through Jan 31, except Dec 11. We may run a tape that day.
 - The show is Tuesday at 7 pm through December, then Thursday 7 pm from January through March.
 - Andy is planning a show on Feb 14 on how people are changing their lives to help the planet.
 - David Bingham would like to do a show on Instant Runoff Voting
 - Ken wants to do successive shows on local fisheries and government
 - We discussed getting tapes of our shows on Comcast.
 - We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of summer shows
 - Advantages- a break for the hosts, coordinators, and producers
 - Good show position in the Fall
 - Disadvantages- no September shows for election purposes
- Maybe we can do a spinoff show in the summer with a different focus, but able to bring candidates on in September.

6. Sustainable Community Initiative Committee

Congrats to the people who put in the hard work to get this going!
Ken and Laura will serve on the Committee, which hasn't met yet.

7. Announcements

I didn't write any down.

8. Next meeting

We discussed moving the meeting to the Public Library of New London, earlier in the afternoon. Ronna will try to arrange a meeting on Sunday Jan 6, and will send out notices to the NLGreen yahoo group.

We also discussed an announcement in the newspapers, to make the meetings more available to people not in the core group.

Andy Derr
Secretary

