

New London Greens Chapter Meeting 9/9/2007

Members present: Bud McAllsiter, Pete Dela Rosa, Chris Nelson, Ronna Stuller, Bob Stuller, Ken Hanson, Davana Grabel, Ron Suresha

Visitors present: Diane

We began by discussing support for a program to fund emission filters for buses. The proposal was made by Colin Bennet, a Green Party member from the New Haven chapter. There was consensus in favor of this proposal.

Thinking Green

Andy thought fall shows should be devoted to the candidates. Ron suggested videotaping events. Chris suggested videotaping people in the streets.

Fall Municipal Candidate Forums

There will be no Neighborhood Alliance forum this year.

Kathleen Mitchell & Susan Meeks from CT Taxpayers Alliance are planing a series of forums

Father Russ Carmichael is planing one for Friday, October 5th There is the possibility of League of Women Voters forum.

Mayors' Accord on Climate Change

Discussion ensued on the effort to get New London to sign onto this accord. This work has been done by a group coming out of New London Earth Day. The next step is to appoint a seven member commission made up of citizens to reach out to experts and develop recommendations for city

Ronna bumped into Peg Curtin, the current mayor, who said that the City Council is eager to appoint a commission once they have a complete set of nominations from New London Earth Day Andy suggested that Ken & Art are obvious candidates; Pete was not sure if that was politically wise. Ronna said it was important to clarify if councilors can serve; otherwise appointing candidates would be seen as admission that they were not viable candidates.

Campaign Advertising Art raised question of individual versus slate advertising, perhaps rotating spotlight. Andy suggested that we advertise in the Times, which reaches all New Londoners and is cheaper, than in the Day.

Good Neighbor Policy Bud suggested cleanups as a way to generate good will and good publicity.

Riverside Park Everybody should show up on the 22nd with Green Party paraphernalia to express our longterm ownership of this issue. Potential participants: Coast Guard Parks Conservancy Boy Scouts We will need equipment for potential flood of volunteers.

Fundraisers Andy mentioned difficulty of getting people to multiple fundraisers, cited example of 2001 houseparties, one in each district, sparsely attended.

Letter of Thanks

Andy read letter from the New London branch of the NAACP thanking group for the donation to the scholarship fund.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Nelson