

NEW LONDON GREENS
Minutes of the Chapter meeting,
October 5, 2008, 6:30 pm
at 19 Evergreen Ave, New London,
Bob and Ronna Stuller's house

Members present:

Ronna Stuller, chair
Bob Stuller
Andy Derr, secy
Bud MacAllister
Pete de la Rosa
Diane Ruhmshottel
Art Costa
Ken Hanson

Others present:

Lorraine Simister

1. Approval of minutes

One correction- the Building Committee reports to City Council, not the Board of Education. Ken moved, and Bud seconded, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present, and there was no report.
We looked at the NL Green budget for 2008, and noting that there is \$200 budgeted for 2008 Campaign support, and that the income from the tag sale was \$300 more than was budgeted, Andy moved, Art seconded, that the NL Greens give \$200 to KenHanson39CTRep, and \$200 to Deshefy for Congress. The motion passed, with Ken abstaining.

3. State Central Committee

Ronna reported that the Fairfield Chapter's proposed amendment to the CT Green Bylaws (which we have already supported) has been sent to the chapters for approval. This amendment changes the definition of membership in the CT Green Party. Bud moves, Ken seconds, that the NL Greens approve the Bylaw amendment.

The CT GP is considering action against the League of Women Voters for denying our candidates access to the debates. A complaint to the IRS regarding their tax-exempt status is a possibility, since they are supporting Democratic and Republican candidates at the expense of minor party candidates.

4. Old business

- a. 2008 Elections – Discussion of Scott Deshefy’s and Ken Hanson’s races, and their needs and plans.
- b. Charter Revision - The Charter Revision proposal will be on the ballot in November. The City Council has changed the Commission’s proposals, removing the Council’s ability to approve Mayoral appointments, reducing the power of the Board of Finance, and doubling the signatures needed for the citizens to petition to overturn a Council decision. Council has also linked all of the proposals in one up or down vote. Art stated that, as a member of the Charter Revision Commission, he is not supporting the proposed revision. Bob moved, Andy seconded, that the NL Greens take a position on the Charter Revision, urging a NO vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Town Committee update – There has been no action yet. Ronna, Andy, Chris, Art, and Pat Bolles will meet this month.

5. New business

- a. We had a brief discussion of tree cutting by the city.
- b. We had an update on the City’s proposed sale of land to Cross Sound Ferry,

6. Updates

- a. Re-New London. Art reports that ReNew London needs a Director of Communication and Publicity. This would be a volunteer position. They are partnered with SPROUT and CT College Fair Trade for a movie series at Bean and Leaf, and are looking for office space, perhaps donated, that could be used as a community center like Wrench in the Works in Willimantic.
- b. Land Value Tax – New Haven and Hartford are supporting the LVT, and they are meeting with CT Council of Municipalities on October 24. Three City Councilors support the resolution supporting legislation to enable the LVT.

- c. Sustainability Committee- There will be a Clean Energy Fair on October 25, 10 am to 1 pm, at the Magnet High School.
 - d. Thinking Green- Ronna reports that there are no hosts, but plenty of guests. Anyone interested in hosting should contact her.
7. There were some announcements, but I didn't record them.
8. Next meeting Sunday, November 9th, at Bob and Ronna's, 19 Evergreen Ave. 5:45 for Potluck supper, 6:30 sharp for the meeting to start.

Andy Derr, Sec,y