

NEW LONDON GREENS  
Minutes of the July 6, 2008 meeting  
3:00 pm  
242 Ocean Ave, New London  
Ken and Ashley Hanson's house

Members present:

Ken Hanson  
Andy Derr, secy  
Ronna Stuller, chair  
Bob Stuller  
Pete de la Rosa  
Bud McAllister  
Art Costa  
Ron Suresha

1. Approval of minutes

**Andy moves, Ken seconds, that the minutes from the April, May, and June meetings be approved. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Treasurer's report

No report

3. State Central Committee report

No representative from the NL Greens attended the last SCC meeting. Ronna reports the following news from the State party:

- The Secretary of State has ruled that all towns and cities in CT must accept Green Party voter registration.
- The Fairfield Greens have proposed that the State Bylaws be amended so that CT Green Party membership requires being registered to vote as a Green. **Andy moves, Bob seconds, that the NL Greens support requiring Green registration for CT Green Party membership. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Old Business

a. Town Committee Bylaw amendment. Tabled due to lack of a quorum sufficient to change the bylaws.

b. 2008 Elections

Congressional and Presidential. Scott Deshefy has asked us to get at least 300 signatures at Sail Fest. Several of us volunteered at various hours.

39th District. Discussion of lack of a good choice between the Democrat incumbent and the Republican challenger. **We agreed that we would run at least a minimal campaign, and Ken to agreed to be the the minimal candidate. He also agreed that if another candidate appeared who was willing to run a strong campaign, that he would withdraw in their favor.** We also discussed the 40th District, but took no action. We discussed what needed to happen to get Ken on the ballot, and took steps to get that done.

c. Tag sale. Preliminary report showed a profit of over \$350; the numbers were lower because we postponed to the Sunday rain date. Ken talked about having another tag sale in a couple of weeks to get rid of some of the stuff left.

d. NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. At least Andy and Ken are attending. More pledges of support for the Greens scholarship were given. The Banquet is on Thursday, August 21, at Port and Starboard.

5. New business

b. Ron Suresha is applying to be a Justice of the Peace. He would be able to perform marriages, sign off on nominating petitions, etc.

a. Homeless Hospitality Center is having its fundraiser on Friday, Sep. 5th, at Port and Starboard. We discussed an ad, perhaps sharing a half page ad with Scott Deshefy. Tabled to the August meeting.

6. Reports

a. ReNew London. Art will attending a Communiversity event this month. They are working on building a statewide coalition to support the Land Value Tax. The CT Council of Municipalities will hold a panel on LVT .

b. Sustainability Committee. Ken reports they are meeting with City Council to talk about the Mayor's Climate Accord, and planning a large forum in September or October involving local, state, and federal officials. They meet on the 4th Wednesday of each mmonth, at the Senior Center.

c. Charter Revision Commission. Art reports that they have hired former City Clerk Clark van der Lyke to do make all of the obvious corrections- removing

outdated or contradictory sections, bringing language up to date, etc. They are also working on form of government issues, and Art is trying to get majority rule and Instant Runoff Voting included.

7. Announcements

8. Next meeting, Sunday, August 10, at 6:30 pm, at Bob and Ronna Stuller's house, 19 Evergreen Ave. Potluck supper at 6.