

NEW LONDON GREENS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

January 4, 2009, 6:30 pm

19 Evergreen Ave., New London, CT 06320

(Bob and Ronna Stuller's house)

Members present:

Bob Stuller

Pete de la Rosa

Ken Hanson

Bud McAllister

Art Costa

Andy Derr (secretary)

Ron Suresha

Pat Bolles

Ronna Stuller (chair)

Lorain Simister

Chris Nelson (treasurer)

1. Minutes

- a. Ken moved and Bud seconded that the November 2008 minutes be approved with one change- the name of the group mentioned in #5 New business is "One More Stop". The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Bud moved and Bob seconded that the December 2008 minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer did not have a report prepared, but will send one out to the e-mail list. After discussion, it was decided to put the following on the agenda for the February meeting- an annual Treasurer's report for 2008, and the 2009 budget.

3. SCC report

Ronna reports that the bylaw proposal changing the definition of membership (approved by the NL Greens on 3 occasions) was passed and is now in effect. This changes the bylaws to require Green voter registration for membership in the CT Green Party.

The Green Roadshow. Jean de Smet and Jerry Martin will take an informational presentation on the Green Party to anywhere in the State, speaking to local groups or on College campuses about the Green Party. The first show is planned on January 28th in Willimantic.

The Green Party of the US is \$30,000 in debt after the expenses of the Convention.

4. Old Business

a. Town Committee elections

The following were elected to serve on the New London Green Town Committee:

1st District	Tim Hanser	2 year term	
2nd District	Pat Bolles	1 year term	
3rd District	Lorain Simister	2 year term	
4th District	Kristin Wraight	1 year term	
5th District	Josh Smith	2 year term	
6th District	vacant	1 year term	
7th District	Ron Suresha	2 year term	
At large	Laura Cordes	2 year term	
Alternate	vacant	2 year term	
Chairperson	Ronna Stuller	1 year term	ex officio
Treasurer	Chris Nelson	1 year term	ex officio
Secretary	Andy Derr	1 year term	ex officio

A suggestion was made that the bylaws be amended to allow for a Campus representative on the Town Committee.

b. New London Green social event

After some discussion of the details of a proposed Social event for Greens and supporters, a Party committee was formed, with Ron, Lorain, Andy, and Bud to serve.

c. Green Schools

Ken reported on the plans for the upcoming New London school renovations. The architects are not planning to make the buildings LEED certified. Discussion followed on how we can move the Building Committee members towards LEED certification.

5. New Business -- none

6. Updates

a. ReNew London

3 major projects; Land Value tax (see below), Local First, and Farm to City. Also getting a new web site, and getting an independent 501c3 status.

1. New London Local First

Working on a city directory of businesses, and a Newsletter.

2 Farm to City

Got a grant through the City Manager's office. L&M Hospital is involved, and the NL Public Schools are interested in participating. There will be Farmers Forum on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 10am at the Public Library

b. Land Value Tax

Art, Ken, and Dave Fairman met with the Day editorial board, and have submitted 3 essays to be published as Op-Eds. LVT has received full support from the CT Council of Municipalities, endorsements from the CT Home Builders Assoc., the Sierra Club of SECT, the Smart Growth Work Group, NL Main Street, and NL Landmarks. There will be an enabling bill introduced in the legislature this year.

c. NL Sustainability Committee

They are working on getting the school building projects to be LEED compliant, a Carbon Emissions Assessment project, and getting the City Council to formally pass the Mayor's Accord, with signatures this time.

d. Thinking Green

Regina Gialanella will be doing one show a month on Herbal remedies. Ronna and Art are hosting upcoming shows. Coming up- Fiddleheads, Roberta Paro, and Landmarks.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Sunday Feb. 1, at 6:30 pm, at 19 Evergreen Ave. There will be potluck supper at 5:45 to which everyone is welcome.