

**New London Green Party
Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

February 1, 2009, 6:30 PM

19 Evergreen Avenue, New London, CT 06320

Members present:

Bob Stuller
Art Costa
Bud McAllister
Ronna Stuller (chair)

1. Minutes

Art moved and Bud seconded that the January minutes be approved with one change - correction of the spelling of Lorain Simister's name.

2. Treasurer's report

Treasurer was not in attendance. Ronna will contact him to submit a current report as well as a 2008 annual report. The 2009 budget will be included on next month's agenda.

3. State Central Committee report

No one from New London attended the last SCC meeting. Ronna noted that a motion to approve up to \$300 to purchase the state voter database was on the agenda, and will follow up on the outcome.

4. Old business

a. Town Committee update: The committee is in the process of scheduling its first meeting, sometime between now and March 1.

b. New London social event revisited: tabled

c. Green Schools update: Bud has spoken to Board of Education members Al Kinsall and James Pearce and reported that both would like to see LEED-certified schools, but are not willing to fight for them. It would be helpful to get the schedule of School Building Committee meetings, and perhaps contact the Waterford committee member who pushed for Quaker Hill School's LEED certification.

5. New Business

a. Riverside Park clean-up?: Ronna has communicated with Kevin Lester about the possibility of a clean-up in March, but is unable to attend the next neighborhood group meeting on 2/11. Bud said he will attend if he can.

6. Updates

a. Re-New London: Now has 501c3 status

- (1) Land Value Tax - The Day has printed Art's op-ed on LVT and endorsed the concept. State Sen. Looney has introduced the best bill to enable LVT in CT; LTE's in support would be helpful.
- (2) NL Local First - Has 65+ members, and an upcoming networking event.
- (3) Farm2City - The working group has been meeting, most recently on 1/24. F2C has received a \$49,000 grant, and is interviewing for a PT accountant position. Emily Lerner's op-ed appeared in The Day.
- (4) Communiversity - Film on permaculture with discussion led by Arthur Lerner will be held on 2/22.
- (5) New initiative on workers' cooperative for ebusiness portals.

b. NL Sustainability Committee: No committee members in attendance. Brief discussion on state grants available for diesel retrofits to reduce pollution.

c. Thinking Green: Thursday at 7:00 timeslot retained through June. Coming up - NL Landmarks on 2/5.

7. Next meeting will be on Sunday, March 1, at 19 Evergreen Avenue. Potluck supper at 6:00 to which everyone is welcome.