

NEW LONDON GREENS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

March 1, 2009, 6:30 pm

19 Evergreen Ave., New London, CT 06320

(Bob and Ronna Stuller's house)

Members present:

Bob Stuller

Bud McAllister

Andy Derr (secretary)

Ronna Stuller (chair)

Lorain Simister

1. Minutes

- a. Bob moved and Bud seconded that the February 2009 minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present and did not have a report prepared.

3. SCC report

•In the Green Party et al case against the State of CT, Ronna reported that the ACLU attorneys are taking depositions from 3rd party candidates regarding their petition signature requirements for full funding.

•The State GP is forming a committee to strategize for future campaigns.

•She reports that there has been on action on acquiring the voter registration database from the State of CT; she stressed that we need this database, and if we can't get it for free ASAP, we should pay the State for it.

•The Green Party Road Show is looking for venues. Ronna will contact Scott Deshefy and Jean deSmet to try to find a date. Ideas for a local venue included Conn College and Fiddleheads.

4. Old Business

- a. The Town Committee met on February 15th. A g-mail account has been set up to facilitate communications between members, and Bob has set up *****@nlgreens.org e-mail accounts for the members. The update to NLGreens.org has not happened yet. A draft press release has been circulated among the members. The next Town Committee meeting will be on March 22, at 6:30, at Bob and Ronna's house.

- b. New London Green social event. The Committee (Andy, Ron, Lorain, and Bud) has not met yet.

- c. School building renovations. Ken sent an e-mail report. He reports that the City Manager has informed the architect that LEED certification is required. A geothermal heat system is likely at Nathan Hale, but not at Winthrop. This is not perfect, but is significant progress.
- d. Riverside Park clean-up. Ronna has talked with Kevin Lester of the Riverside Park Neighborhood Association, but she has not been able to attend their meetings. We decided that we will not take a leadership role at Riverside Park, but will support the local group in their actions.

5. New Business

- a. NLGreen budget. The Treasurer was not present, so this was table to the April meeting.
- b. There was discussion of a proposed Drug Policy Reform event, combined with a fundraiser for medical expenses for an individual. No action was taken.

6. Updates

- a. ReNew London 3 major projects continue; Land Value tax (see below), Local First, and Farm to City. Art reported by e-mail. NL Local First is active and growing. Farm to City is recruiting a project leader.
- b. Land Value Tax. LVT legislation has gone to Committee for a possible rewrite- they are fighting this possibility. LVT has been endorsed by AFSCME.
- c. NL Sustainability Committee- no report
- d. Thinking Green- Scheduled through March. We will be keeping the Thursday 7 pm time slot through June. Regina will not be doing a monthly show on herbs.

7. Announcements

8. Next meeting

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