

**New London Green Party
Monthly Meeting**

19 Evergreen Avenue
December 4, 2011

Attended: Pat Bolles, Andy Derr (chair), Tim Hanser, Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Chris Nelson,
Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Joan Sullivan-Cooper
Guests: Alan Paradis, Ken Krayske, Wildaliz Bermudez

MINUTES

1. Minutes from 11/12/11 were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$3,380.23; after all our outstanding campaign debts are paid, we will have a deficit of about \$750. Tim is willing to defer the remainder of his payment until after the new year, so we will plan a "get the Greens out of the red" event at that time.
3. State Central Committee
 - (a) The new website is up and running, and feedback is appreciated: www.ctgreenparty.org
 - (b) 2012 elections: The CTGP will soon have to decide whether the ballot access effort for candidates for President and Senate is worthwhile; several NL Greens are interested in helping collect signatures, but there will need to be a concerted statewide effort. Targeted races for State Senate and State Rep, where there is a opportunity for campaign finance funding, are being sought; New London's 39th district has some potential. Redistricting will affect 3rd district, which will in the future be represented by Elissa Wright, Town of Groton. Issues related to cross-endorsements were discussed.
4. Old business
 - (a) Municipal elections 2011 & beyond: Tim recommended we put together a campaign handbook to assist with future campaigns; Tim, Chris and Ronna will work on it.
 - (b) NL Green Town Committee elections are scheduled for January. The following were nominated to be on the slate: Chair - Joan, Secretary - Ronna, Treasurer - Chris. We will put together a slate of district and at-large representatives as soon as the updated Green voter list is received from the Registrar. (And, nominations are always accepted from the floor.) In addition, it was proposed that we change our bylaws to allow representatives from diverse neighborhoods rather than strictly follow the old district lines; Chris will work on new language that we can vote on at our meeting in January.
5. New business
2012 elections: part of SCC report. Additionally, the importance of applying to boards and commissions, and the opportunity to become a Green Justice of the Peace in Presidential election years, were discussed.
6. Updates
 - a. Thinking Green: The show will air on Tuesdays at 7pm starting January.
 - b. Shore Line East/1 More Stop: The planned visit of the self-propelled Budd car did not happen; hopefully will occur at a later date.
 - c. Riverside Park: Several complaints have been submitted to the SEEC, and some are being investigated. The Friends of Riverside Park Conservancy has begun the process of gaining legal status as a 501c3, having submitted its incorporation application to the state.

7. Announcements

New London's Mayor, Council and Board of Ed members will be sworn in tomorrow at 7pm at the Garde; reception at Crocker House will follow.

8. Next meeting day and time: Sunday, January 8, 6:30pm at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

Voting on Town Committee members and a bylaws change will be on the agenda.

Approved 1/8/12.