

**New London Green Party
Monthly Meeting**

19 Evergreen Avenue
January 8, 2012

Attended: Pat Bolles, Tim Hanser, Kenric Hanson (chair), Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Chris Nelson, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Joan Sullivan-Cooper

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Minutes from 12/4/11 were approved, with one abstention (Hanson).
2. Treasurer's report: Current balance \$248.70. We owe \$1000 to our campaign manager, but all other expenses have been paid. Fundraising activities are being planned so that we can clear our debt before the end of the quarter.
3. State Central Committee - There will be an Executive Committee phone conference on Wednesday; topics of discussion will include planning of the April Annual Meeting, an upcoming fundraising appeal and work being done to update the bylaws.
4. Old business
NL Green Town Committee elections - The following slate of officers was presented: Joan Sullivan-Cooper, Chair; Ronna Stuller, Secretary; Chris Nelson, Treasurer; Ken moved, Bud seconded, slate was approved unanimously. The proposed Bylaws change (Tim moved, Bud seconded) was passed unanimously, and Chris was asked to map out our new districts for the next meeting. (Text and map are attached.) Election of Town Committee members was tabled to the next meeting.

"Get the Greens Out of the Red" fundraiser - The date was set for March 10. Joan will head the planning committee, with assistance from Mirna and Ronna. A budget of up to \$200 was approved for event-related expenses.
5. New business
2012 elections: Petitions for Presidential ballot access will be distributed as soon as they are ready, hopefully for our next meeting. Local elections will include 39th and 40th district Assembly. In addition, Green Party members are encouraged to seek non-elected positions on boards and commissions, and applications for minor party Justices of the Peace will be available later this year.
6. Updates
 - a. Thinking Green - MetroCast producer meeting is tomorrow.
 - b. Sustainability Committee - has been dormant, but a meeting is anticipated this month; more members are needed. The committee is seeking better

enforcement of no-idling rules to reduce emissions.

- c. Riverside Park - The Friends of Riverside PAC is being dissolved this week, and The Friends of Riverside Park Conservancy, which will be seeking 501(c)(3) status, was incorporated as of 12/23/11. The groups is submitting a CDGB grant application this week for repair the the stairway connecting Winthrop School with the park.

7. Next meeting day and time - Sunday, February 5, 6:30pm.

Proposed change to the by-laws

Replace V) B) 2) b)

which reads as follows:

b seven (7) district representatives, one from each of the municipal voting districts in the City of New London;

with the following:

Seven neighborhood representatives. One of these representatives should, whenever possible, be drawn from each of the following traditional neighborhoods.

The South End, which stretches from Ocean Beach to roughly Mitchell College

The Thames Hilltop Neighborhood, which stretches from Mitchell College to Willetts Avenue

The South of Bank Neighborhood, which stretches from Willetts Avenue to Bank Street

The Downtown, which is the area north of Bank Street, east of Truman Street, south of Huntington Street, and west of Water Street

East New London, which is the areas of the City east of Water Street and I-95

The Hempstead or Freedom Trail Neighborhood, which is bounded to the south and east by Truman Street and Huntington Street and to the north and west by Connecticut Avenue

North of Bank, which is the area north and west of Connecticut Avenue, north of Bank Street and south of I-95.

The attached map is meant to help clarify these description.

The purpose of this section of the by-laws is to encourage a broad representation on the Town Committee of the City's various neighborhoods, not the slavish study of maps. The chapter may vote to seat more than one representative from the same neighborhood so long as they are not displacing a candidate from an otherwise unrepresented neighborhood.

Adopted January 8, 2012



