

## **New London Green Party**

### October 7, 2012 - DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Tim Hanser (facilitator), Ken Hanson, Mirna Martínez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm,

Minutes from 8/5/12 were accepted (Hanson abstained).

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Treasurer report: Chris Nelson not present, but submitted a report before the meeting that there has been no activity.

State Central Committee - Has not met since August 9; next meeting will be tomorrow (10/8/12) at the Portland Senior Center.

#### **Old business**

- (1) Elections 2012 - The petition effort fell short, and Jill Stein will not be on the CT ballot. Colin Bennett will be on Thinking Green on October 24. Outside our district, Melissa Schlag is running a strong campaign for State Senate and could use donations and volunteers; Doug Lary is breaking ground by running an independent campaign for the generally partisan office of registrar in Windham.
- (2) Justice of the Peace applications are still available and may be submitted until November 1.
- (3) The NL Greens have been invited to provide a regular column in The Scope; Mirna is interested in writing the first one about education reform and the New London Parent Advocate group.

#### **New business**

- (1) Mirna inquired about our process for taking a position on a local issue, and how we publicize our positions. We may consider developing a position statement on education reform in New London.

#### **Updates**

- a. Sustainability Committee - Meeting 10/17; seeking members; plans to review NL's single stream recycling; participate in NL's master planning, utilizing ICLEI resources.
- b. State of the City - Budget cutting continues; Fire Chief Ron Samul is retiring; improvements to Eugene O'Neill Drive and the municipal parking lot planned.
- c. Riverside Park - Conservancy annual meeting on 10/17; upcoming events: plein air art opening on 10/20 and Fall Fest on 10/27.
- d. Thinking Green - Booked through November; plan to move show to Tuesday evenings for the winter season; Bob will attend producer meeting tomorrow.

#### **Announcements & upcoming events**

10/18 - Hodges Square forum ((7-9 at Winthrop School)

10/18 - ML King Scholarship Dinner (6pm at Mystic Marriott)

For next month's agenda - 2013 local elections `

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4, at 6:30pm.