

New London Green Party

December 2, 2012 - DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Tim Hanser, Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Chris Nelson, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Joan Sullivan-Cooper (facilitator)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes from 11/4/12 were approved with one abstention (Nelson).

Treasurer report: Only recent activity has been \$44 expenditure to renew PO Box. Chris is working on the next SEC report, due January 10.

State Central Committee - Will meet tomorrow at Portland Senior Center. Bylaws committee is on the agenda; NL Greens are invited to share suggestions with Ronna.

Old business

- (1) Elections 2012 - Results were shared for Bennett (3638 votes/~1.2%), Schlag (4317 votes/~8.7%), Lary (875 votes total/~12.7%, most on the Green line) and Stein/Honkala (675 write-ins reported by SOTS).
- (2) Scope (online) Magazine - reminder that the NL Greens have been offered the opportunity to write a regular column.

New business

- (1) 2013 local elections - Our Town Committee members are Joan S-C, Ronna S, Chris N, Tim H, Mirna M, Pat Bolles, Dan Spurr and Andy Derr. Ronna will contact the group to meet, hopefully before the end of the year, to begin to work on platform development and candidate search.
- (2) New London Board and Commission openings - There are currently openings on the Personnel Board, Ethics Commission, Police Community Relations Committee, Planning and Zoning, & more, and NL Greens who are interested in serving can apply to the City Clerk. However, there was some discussion about how the city might restructure and streamline its commissions, as many currently overlap functions and/or have little power. Chris, Tim and Ronna volunteered to work on developing this idea as a possible 2013 municipal platform plank.

Updates

- a. Sustainability Committee - The city has received a grant for compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, and the committee is collecting data for implementation.
- b. State of the City - Current budget projections show a \$1million shortfall, due to revenue shortfalls as well as over-budget spending (mostly by the fire department, lesser amounts by Police and Public Works, respectively).
- c. Riverside Park - Conservancy's 501(c)(3) status was approved; letter expected to arrive within the next 2-3 weeks. Sources of funding for projects are being sought.
- d. Thinking Green - starting week of January 7, will air on Tuesdays at 8pm.
- e. New London Parent Advocates - have started meeting with the Board of Education before the official meetings; so far the exchanges have been worthwhile.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 6, at 6:30pm.