

**New London Green Party
Monthly Meeting**

19 Evergreen Avenue

May 6, 2012

In attendance: Tim Hanser, Michael Hatt, Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Chris Nelson, Lorain Simister, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Colin Bennett

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The minutes from 4/1/12 were approved.
2. Treasurer Chris Nelson reported that there is \$1,655.70 in our account.
3. State Central Committee report - The CT Green Party held its Annual Meeting on April 28; the following officers were elected: Co-chairs Mike DeRosa, Allan Brison and Ronna Stuller; Secretary Barbara Barry; Treasurer David Bedell.
4. Colin Bennett introduced himself and spoke about his background and possible run for the 2nd District Congressional seat on the Green line. The New London Greens offered to host a nominating convention and fundraiser to further the campaign when his plans are firmer.
5. Lorain provided details about Neighbor Day, which will be held on May 20, from 10am-7pm. Volunteers are needed!
6. Updates
 - a. Thinking Green - The schedule through June is filling up; Colin was invited to come on as a guest to talk about his platform.
 - b. State of the City - Tim reported on the city's budget woes and their impact on Public Works services, and also talked about planned stormwater fees. Chris reported on a meeting he attended with city officials on potential streetscape and traffic improvements downtown.
 - c. Riverside Park - Yale-Harvard Regatta celebration is on May 26. Friends of Riverside Park Conservancy is still awaiting IRS action on its 501c3 application; the group is planning park clean-ups to pick up litter, clear knotweed and assist with park maintenance as possible.
7. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, 6:30pm.