

New London Green Party Monthly Meeting

July 1, 2012

In attendance: Andy Derr, Tim Hanser, Ken Hanson, Dan Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Colin Bennett, Scott Deshefy, Alex Foster, Cindy Hyland.

The minutes from 6/3/12 were approved (2 abstentions).

Treasurer's report - Chris Nelson was absent, but prior to the meeting he reported that that he sent a check for \$100 for the NAACP ad.

State Central Committee - The petitioning effort was the main focus of the meeting. Jill Stein was in Woodbridge on June 29; her campaign has qualified for federal matching funds by raising \$5000 in small donations in at least 20 states, including CT.

Old business

Elections 2012

(1) Presidential ballot access and fundraising - The petitioning effort for CT ballot access is behind schedule, but seems energized by Jill Stein's visit. Petitioning will take place locally at the Willimantic Boom Box Parade and at Sail Fest.

(2) 2nd District Congressional campaign - With 2-time candidate Scott Deshefy and hopeful nominee Colin Bennett in attendance, Scott shared suggestions about getting name recognition and making media contacts. New London Green Party will host a nominating convention in August, either on 8/11 or 8/18 .

New business

Justice of the Peace - Individuals who are not Republicans or Democrats can apply to be JPs this year between August 1 and November 1. Applications will be available from the City Clerk, who has not yet received this year's form from the SOTS. Greens and unaffiliated voters are encouraged to apply.

Updates

- a. Sustainability Committee is actively seeking new members; working on an environmental audit of the city, including run-off, and will be presenting to the Mayor, City Council, and Public Works.
- b. State of the City - Today is the first day of the new fiscal year; budget woes continue, resulting in layoffs and service cuts. A referendum on the budget is anticipated.

c. Riverside Park- The possibility of moving the playscape from Veterans Field was discussed. Saturday Art Jams begin on July 14.

Announcements & upcoming events

Shoreline East Coalition is planning a news conference with Gov. Malloy on July 7 at 2pm.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 5, at 6:30pm.