

**New London Green Party
Monthly Meeting**
August 5, 2012

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

The minutes from 7/1/12 were approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

State Central Committee - The August 9 SCC meeting will be held in New Milford and will serve as a nominating meeting for NWCT candidates as well as any other candidates who do not have chapters.

Old business

Elections 2012

- (1) Ballot petitions are due on Wednesday, August 8. Although Jason Ortiz has been hired to organize a big push, it seems unlikely that we will get the 7500 signatures needed to get Stein/Honkala on the CT ballot.
- (2) The 2nd District Congressional nominating meeting will be held on Saturday, August 18, at the Mansfield Public Library. Ronna and Tim will meet with Doug Lary and Jean de Smet to finalize the details.
- (3) Justice of the Peace applications are available now and can be submitted up to November 1.

New business

- (1) Budget referendum will be held on Tuesday, September 18; a 'yes' vote is to approve, and a 'no' to disapprove. We briefly discussed how the Greens might support the effort to approve the budget.
- (2) The Greens have been invited to supply a regular column to The Scope. We are interested, and will set up a rotation of authors.

Updates

- a. Sustainability Committee - Still seeking members. Working with Public Works to help improve recycling rates in the city.
- b. State of the City - The Calkins Park project is proceeding; the 2nd phase of Montauk improvement has been delayed; tomorrow City Council will decide whether to appoint a new charter revision commission; the budget, when finally passed, will be retroactive, as we're in the new fiscal year.
- c. Riverside Park- Art Jams are ongoing. Down by the Riverside Fest is September 15, and will include a park walk with UCONN landscape architects to provide input for future park plans.

Announcements & upcoming events

International Coastal Clean-up is September 15; Bud suggested a local action at Riverside Park beach that day.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 2, at 6:30pm.