

New London Green Party
January 5, 2014 - MINUTES

In attendance: Pat Bolles, Andy Derr, Tim Hanser, Kenric Hanson (facilitator), Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Dan Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Joan Sullivan-Cooper. Guest: Mongi Dhaouadi

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Minutes from 12/1/13 were approved with one abstention (Dan).

Treasurer's report: (Deputy Treasurer) Bob reported that our municipal campaign finished in the black, and that he is working on the SEEC report to be filed on January 10.

State Central Committee: There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7.

Old business

- (1) Waterford Greens: Mirna, Bob, Ronna, and Mongi attended their 12/23 meeting. A musical event/fundraiser is scheduled for 1/17 at Waterford Community Center.
- (2) NLGP internal elections: Elections were tabled to next month, due to lack of some necessary materials, including a current list of New London registered Greens and our revised district map. Ronna will obtain that information. Since it is an even year, we will elect officers plus district reps from even-numbered districts.

New business

- (1) Memorializing Chris Nelson: Ideas were shared for a long-term memorial to Chris - converting a downtown street to 2-way; college tuition fund; waterfront and/or boating project; completing Green Street building restoration. A memorial event/project kick-off is tentatively planned for April. Laura Cordes will coordinate.
- (2) Outreach and fundraising: Ideas to grow the party - publicize issues through Twitter; publish quarterly articles (in HÜK or self-published); hold neighborhood discussions; participate in community events (e.g., Hope Week). An Outreach Committee was formed: Joan, Dan, and Mirna (as available).

Updates

- (1) Sustainability Committee: Sterling CT contacted Ken about the opportunity for an energy audit of NL's municipal buildings; the CT Clean Water Fund i
- (2) State of the City: A \$5 million stormwater grant is on the agenda for Public Works Committee; Council approval is not needed since there is no required match. Tim shared concerns that any ordinance mandating hiring of more police officers will take significant funding away from DPW functions.
- (3) Education: BOE - Mirna reported that the Superintendent search is beginning; a meeting with potential consultants (McPherson & Jacobson, CABE) is scheduled for this week. Mongi reported that NLPA is looking at district discipline policies; Laura Burfoot will represent NLPA on Superintendent search committee.
- (4) Riverside Park/NENL: The Creative Placemaking Master Plan was shared. The new Hodges Square Village Association is planning beautification efforts for spring 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Next meeting will be on Sunday, February 2, 6:30pm; Internal Elections will be on the agenda.

Approved February 9, 2014.