

New London Green Party
December 7, 2014 - 19 Evergreen Avenue

In attendance: Pat Bolles, Stephanie Gregerman, Tim Hanser, Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Dan Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Jason Morris, Linda Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes from 11/2/14 meeting were approved with one abstention (Pat).

Treasurer's report: No activity; balance remains \$180.37.

State Central Committee: Linda, who is a GPCT co-chair, reported on the Massachusetts Green Rainbow Party Convention; speakers included John Rosenbrink (left/right coalition), John Andrews (green/red alliance), Jill Stein (organizing around climate change), and James Cutler (gas pipeline). New London Greens requested that the state party create a budget for 2015, so that spending priorities and fundraising goals can be set.

Old business

- (1) NLGP outreach: Committee met prior to the general meeting, and put together a mailing targeted at all New London registered Greens, to encourage their support in a variety of areas. A fundraising event is being planned for February.

New business

- (1) GPCT outreach: Fundraiser/holiday party will be held on December 20, 6pm, at Linda's home in Norwich. All are welcome; suggested donation \$20, no one turned away.
- (2) NLGP budget: Per our bylaws, the responsibility of the Town Committee; Ronna will send around the 2013 (last municipal election year) budget in anticipation of a Town Committee meeting.

Updates

- (1) State of the City: The City's referendum questions passed. School Building and Maintenance Committee has formed an architect selection subcommittee. Plans for Riverside Park improvements are proceeding. DEEP has created new maintenance guidelines, but no funding for implementation; hearing will be held on December 17.
- (2) Education: Manny Rivera will be starting as Superintendent on February 1. Board of Ed election of officers will be held this month. Plans for the Performing Arts Magnet School at the Garde merit further public process.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: RPC has received funding for design of a bioswale at Green Harbor to aid in storm water management and replacement of invasive species there.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 4.

Approved by consensus on January 4, 2015.