

## **New London Green Party**

May 4, 2014 - 19 Evergreen Avenue

In attendance: Pat Bolles, Tim Hanser, Bud McAllister, Lorain Simister, Dan Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Jason Morris, Scott Deshefy, Lori Constantino

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes from 4/6/14 were not available; approval deferred until our next meeting.

Treasurer's report: \$31 was spent to renew our PO box; balance is \$211.37.

State Central Committee: The GPCT Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, May 3, and Jonathan Pelto, - a former State Rep and current public education advocate, who is considering an independent gubernatorial run - was the featured speaker; Bob and Ronna attended.

### **Old business**

- (1) Memorializing Chris Nelson: The Green & Golden Memorial Pavement Mural Project is scheduled for Sunday, June 8 (rain date June 15). NL/NYC artist Denny Rivera is creating the design and coordinating the painting.
- (2) Outreach planning: Dan has started work on creating a handout outlining "Why Green." We are also planning to have a "Get the Greens out of the Red" fundraising event this year. Committee will meet again before next chapter meeting.

### **New business**

- (1) 2014 Elections: Elections will be held this year in CT Assembly districts 39 and 41, CT Senate district 20, and House of Representatives district 2. It would be great to find Green candidates, especially for the 39th (currently represented by Hewett), and the 2nd (where we have the ballot line). Ronna will contact Jean de Smet to see if she'd be interested herself or have any suggestions; Scott would prefer not to run again, but may be willing to if we cannot find an enthusiastic candidate.

### **Updates**

- (1) Sustainability Committee: Tim reported on NL becoming a Clean Energy Community.
- (2) State of the City: Budget was approved; bonding was approved to clean up the books, resulting in our bond rating remaining stable. Land for museum has been transferred to USCGA.
- (3) Education: No report.
- (4) Riverside Park/NENL: Hodges Square Village Association has ordered benches, bike racks, planters, and trash receptacles. Riverside bathroom has water, windows installed; should be ready to open for Neighbor Day.
- (5) Thinking Green: No report.
- (6) Neighbor Day: Will be held on Sunday, May 18, 10am-6pm; Lorain is seeking volunteers, especially for set up and break down.
- (7) Waterford Greens' upcoming activities: Bike-a-thon on May 24.
- (8) Whaling City EDC: Has been incorporated as CT nonprofit; looking for projects that blend sustainability and economic development; rain garden in Riverside Park or other New London location is being considered.

### **Announcements and upcoming events**

- (1) "Gasland Part II" film & discussion: Monday, May 12, 6:30pm, at Bean & Leaf

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm. Next meeting will be on Sunday, June 1, 6:30pm.

*Approved on June 1, 2014.*