

New London Green Party

July 6, 2014 - 19 Evergreen Avenue

In attendance: Pat Bolles, Tim Hanser, Mirna Martinez, Bud McAllister, Dan Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Joan Sullivan-Cooper. Guests: Irving Steel, Hannah Gant, Baird Welch-Collins, Leah Doroski, Selena Roy, Karl Roos, Chris Cooper.

The meeting was called to order at 7:28pm.

Minutes from 6/1/14 were approved.

Treasurer's report: Quarterly report was submitted; no activity, balance remains \$211.38.

State Central Committee: A nominating meeting was held on June 30. Candidates were endorsed for the 3 state positions for which the Green Party has ballot access: Secretary of State (Mike DeRosa), Attorney General (Steve Fournier) and Comptroller (Rolf Maurer). In addition, several candidates were approved for legislative campaigns.

Old business

- (1) 2014 elections: We are planning a regional special meeting, to be held at the Mansfield Public Library Auditorium on August 9, 10:30am, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for 2nd District Congress, and for any additional candidacies within the eastern CT region that were not certified at the statewide meeting. It was noted that the NLGP favors a change in the GPCT bylaws that would allow more options in candidate selection.
- (2) Outreach: Slow progress is being made to gain new Green registrations from among friends and family. Literature continues to be developed, as we try to distill the values and message of the Green Party. An Outreach Committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday 7/17 at 8:30pm.

New business

No new business.

Updates

- (1) Sustainability Committee: No report.
- (2) State of the City: City Council passed school bonding for building renovation and upgrades for conversion to magnet district. All referendum questions related to the budget and bonding will likely be included on the November 2014 ballot.
- (3) Education: NLPA presented its findings on discipline practices; Mirna hopes there will be serious follow-up despite the resistance of some board members. New superintendent starts on August 1.
- (4) Riverside Park/NENL: Hodges Square clean-up scheduled for Saturday, July 12, 9am. There will be a big community clean-up at Riverside (& perhaps Fulton) Park on August 23.
- (5) Thinking Green: Off the air till October.
- (6) Waterford Greens: have 2 upcoming events - Clean-up on Douglas Lane, July 19 @1pm; monthly meeting, July 26 @ 1pm, Waterford Library; 'Beats for Bosnia' benefit concert, August 17, Waterford Beach pavilions.

Announcements and upcoming events

- (1) Compassionate Communication workshop/retreat at Voluntown Peace Trust, August 26, sponsored by Partners in Healthy Communities.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. In lieu of a chapter meeting next month, we will plan to attend the Special Nominating Meeting, August 9, 10:30am, at Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center. Carpooling will be available.

Approved on September 7, 2014.