

New London Green Party

December 6, 2015 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (facilitator), Mirna Martinez, Bud McAllister, Bob Stuller, John Balchunas, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Laura Burfoot, Shalin Dave, Andrew Lopez.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes from the 11/1 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report: Deposits for the period: \$37.25; Expenses for the period: \$0; Account balance: \$763.10. The campaign has received \$2,640.72 in loans, to be repaid or forgiven at a later date. Report was accepted for the record.

State Central Committee: No one from New London was able to attend the November 17 SCC meeting. Presidential candidate Jill Stein is seeking matching funds, and needs about \$350 in donations (not more than \$250/person) from Connecticut residents. Ronna is working with Jeff Russell to set up a website to accept donations for a Senate campaign petitioning effort, which will also help achieve Presidential ballot access.

Old business

(1) 2015 municipal election brief debrief: Mirna was reelected to the BOE, the only successful non-Democrat this year; Green Party candidates who were not cross-endorsed were far below the threshold, despite running an excellent campaign and influencing the issues that were addressed. The potential for forming coalitions well before election season was discussed and will be explored further.

New business

(1) 2016-17 timeline: The group agreed on the importance of actively organizing activities and outreach during 2016, regardless of whether we run any candidate(s) for State Assembly. In early 2016 we plan to update our FileMaker database, begin the Presidential petitioning, and host a "Get the Greens Out of the Red" fundraiser. Ronna will invite Greens and supporters to share issues that we can work on.

(2) Internal elections: Scheduled for the January meeting, we will elect officers and town committee members. Ronna will send out bylaws that detail the town committee's role.

Updates

(1) State of the City: Swearing in of new Mayor, City Councilors, and BOE members will take place tomorrow (12/7); members of boards and commissions are being sought.

(2) Education: No report.

(3) Riverside Park/NENL: Phase 1 site plan of the Master Plan was approved by PZC.

(4) Thinking Green: Seeking guests/topics for January-March, Tuesdays at 7pm.

(5) Other updates: Bud reported on community garden building for food pantry use.

Announcements & upcoming events

Andrew shared information about the proposed Spectra Pipeline; public comment will be accepted until 12/21/15.

Charter Review Board public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 7:15pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 3, 7pm.

Approved by consensus on January 3, 2016.