

## **New London Green Party**

January 3, 2016 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser, Stephanie Gregerman, Mirna Martinez, Bud McAllister, Jason Morris, Daniel Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder).

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

Minutes from the 12/6 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report: No activity. Bob has filed the SEEC report for the period through 12/31.

State Central Committee: A statewide nominating/SCC meeting will be held at the Portland Waverly Center on Wednesday, January 12, 6pm; Tim and Ronna are planning to attend.

### **Old business**

- (1) NLGP internal elections: Tim moved, Ronna seconded, to hold elections for Town Committee officers and district representatives at our next meeting; date was clarified to be January 31, and passed unanimously. Mirna will obtain the latest list from the Registrar of Voters, and we will recruit potential candidates during the next few weeks. Ronna will send out notices and create a FB event. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. In addition, we will vote on a proposed amendment to the bylaws, to add numbers to our district names so we can implement staggered terms.
- (2) 2015 campaign updates: Ronna's complaint—that our Town Committee was not notified about tabulator testing—has been approved for investigation by SEEC. A voter's complaint that he was given misleading voting info at the polls is also being investigated.

### **New business**

- (1) 2016 elections: The Green Party has ballot access for the 2nd Congressional District; we should begin a candidate search ASAP, in collaboration with Green Party chapters, town committees, and members within CD2. With the Citizen Election Program's future in doubt, we would like to run a candidate for State Representative or State Senator this year; the 39th District, currently represented by Ernest Hewett, seems to offer the best opportunity for party building. Ronna will obtain information about petitioning and donation requirements, as well as the level of public funding available.
- (2) 2016-17 timeline: A "Government 101" workshop focusing on the budget process was suggested as a means of forming coalitions with other groups. We are also planning a spring fundraiser to retire our campaign debt. An Outreach Committee (Danny, Stephanie, Mirna, Ronna) meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 7pm.

### **Updates**

- (1) State of the City: No report.
- (2) Education: The creation of a Policy Committee has been promised but not yet implemented; MOUs for the Garde project and the School Resource Officer will be addressed by the BOE; steps are being taken to merge city/BOE finance departments.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: No report.
- (4) Thinking Green: Upcoming guests are Prof. Norman Garrick (1/5) and UCONN SSDP president Jennifer Purdon (1/12). Open to suggestions for guests and topics.
- (5) Other updates: Stephanie reported that the CT Commuter Rail Council will meet in New London in May; looking to make meeting as productive as possible, involving the mayor.

### **No announcements/upcoming events**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 31, 7pm.

*Approved by consensus on January 31, 2016.*