

New London Green Party

March 6, 2016 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Mirna Martinez, Daniel Spurr, John Balchunas, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator). Guests: Jason Morris, Baird Welch-Collins, and Lauren Shaw.

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

Minutes from the 1/31/16 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report: \$47.01 was deposited. Current balance is \$810.11.

State Central Committee: At the 2/3 meeting, Angela Capinera was endorsed to run for Assembly District 122 (Stratford, Trumbull, Shelton). The next state central committee meeting is March 16th. The annual meeting and elections will be held on April 30th at the Portland Senior Center. Ronna requested clarification about who will be sent ballots because the state party has not acquired an updated database. She also offered to assist in sending out ballots. On Saturday, February 13, there will be a fundraiser at the Portland Waverly Center with Jill Stein; we will try to arrange carpooling.

Old business

- a) Outreach Committee
 - a. Three Green moms and dads meetups have been scheduled: March 20th, April 7th, May 5th at Spark, 13 Golden Street.
 - b. Fundraiser will take place on March 19th. Donation of \$20. The committee needs assistance in spreading the word.
 - c. Tim is working on developing a New London Progressives happy hour to engage Greens and Green-friendly voters. Anticipated first event is April. Date and location to be determined.
 - d. Green voter registration drive will continue after primary election.
- b) Town Committee
 - a. Item was not discussed since interested individuals were not present.

New business

- a) Presidential Ballot Access

Ronna has petitions for those interested in petitioning, and explained how to fill out the petitions.
7500 signatures are needed by August 10. 100 signatures from 100 people by June 1st should be the goal in order to get enough signatures

by the August deadline.

There was a discussion about the process for the Citizens Election Program. The funding petition deadline is election. Donations don't need to be from the individuals who signed.

Updates

(1) State of the City:

- a) Edgerton School purchase is on the 3/7 Council agenda. The purchase price is \$350,000 with another \$300,000 needed for remediation.
- b) The City's budget will be presented in early April.

(2) Education:

- a) There was a discussion about positions within the BOE and associated expenditures.
- b) The Board approved their budget 7-0. The biggest concern with the approved budget was the loss of teachers and support staff at Jennings School. A total of 13 positions were eliminated. The approved budget represents a ~0.25% increase in expenditures, but a 2.5% increase in General Fund due to lost state revenues.
- c) The Policy Committee has finally been established.

(3) Riverside Park/NENL: no report

(4) Thinking Green:

Laura Cordes will be on Tuesday 3/8 to discuss here work regarding sexual assault prevention and awareness.

Tim Hanser will be on 3/15 to provide a budget tutorial.

(5) Additional Updates

- a. Several raised bills are on the docket for changes to state education policy.
- b. Fiddleheads has hired a new manager.

No announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, April 3rd, 7pm.

~~Subject to approval.~~ *Approved on April 3, 2016.*