

## **New London Green Party**

October 7, 2018 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Erick Carrión, Maureen Connaughton, Bud McAllister, Margarita Mogollón, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder)

Start time: 7:04pm.

- 1) September minutes: Bob moved to approve, 2nd by Bud; approved by consensus.
- 2) Treasurer's report: No activity; balance is \$551.09. October 10 SEEC report has been submitted.
- 3) State Central Committee: September 26 meeting was long and contentious. NL Greens' endorsement of Rep Chris Soto was criticized, as well as Waterford's nomination of Baird Welch-Collins; the SCC voted to send letters to the cross-endorsed candidates advising them to change their registration or withdraw from the Green line. (As of 10/7, both candidates remain on the D and G ballot lines in their respective towns.) Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10/25.
- 4) Old business
  - (a) 2018 Green Party candidates and campaigns: Due to scheduling issues, we will probably not have a local candidate event. Distribution of doorhangers with general information about the New London Green Party was discussed. Margarita moved to allocate up to \$250 to purchase the doorhangers, 2nd by Bud; passed unanimously.
  - (b) Issues and projects: A variety of actions were discussed related to the growing problem of waste disposal: increasing recycling and composting, moving away from single stream, enacting single-use plastic ban, protecting watersheds from pollution. We hope to meet with Joshua Kelly in order to coordinate efforts in New London and Waterford.
- 5) New business
  - (a) A brief discussion on New London Greens/Green Party of CT relations included the report that our November 2017 grievance has not been acted upon by the Dispute Resolution Committee. Bud moved to submit to SCC a proposal that the DRC be dissolved, 2nd by Mar; passed unanimously. Ronna was directed to write a proposal and send it around for final approval of language. Further action may be considered in the future.
  - (b) Bud reported on ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed), and suggested that we consider programs to help this underserved group.
- 6) Updates
  - (a) Education and the Board: Mirna is on a BOE-related trip to China; Erick reported on the progress of the Curriculum Committee.
  - (b) Sustainability Committee: A comprehensive and scary overview of waste management was presented at the last meeting. All are encouraged to complete the bicycle/pedestrian survey. The committee has one vacancy, is seeking a member with stormwater expertise.
  - (c) Thinking Green: Shows are now scheduled through mid-November; suggestions for guests/topics are welcome.
- 7) Upcoming events
  - "Intersectionality of Social Movements" OutCT program: October 12, Voluntown Peace Trust
  - Clarification of Thought, series on fear: October 19, St. Francis House, 30 Broad St
  - Solid Waste Task Force: October 22, 6pm, Senior Center Library
  - "Scenes from Riverside Park" art opening: October 27, 7-9, NL Main Street, 311 State St.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4, 7pm, at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

Bob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mar; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:23pm.

*Approved on November 4, 2018.*