

New London Green Party

November 4, 2018 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: John Balchunas, Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Danny Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guest: Adam Mattila.

Start time: 7:10pm.

- 1) October minutes: Bob moved to approve, 2nd by Bud; approved 5–0, 1 abstention (Danny).
- 2) Treasurer's report: Cost of doorhangers was \$252.16; Bob deposited \$193 (donations for "VOTE" shirts). Current balance is \$491.93.
- 3) State Central Committee: The October meeting was canceled to accommodate everyone working on Green campaigns. The next meeting will be held on November 14; our Dispute Resolution Committee proposal will be submitted at that time, as well as proposals by Peter Goselin to build the party and encourage cooperation among leftist groups by hosting a statewide conference and/or regional community meetings on the militarization of policing.
- 4) Old business
 - a) 2018 Green Party candidates and campaigns: There are some opportunities to hold signs for Michelle Bicking and Peter Goselin at the polls. Door hangers promoting the NL Greens and this year's candidates were purchased and distributed over the weekend.
 - b) The following issues and projects were proposed:
 - (1) Ban single-use plastic bags, in cooperation with Josh Kelly/Waterford advocates
 - (2) Support a non-lapsing fund for the Board of Education for building maintenance
- 5) No new business
- 6) Updates
 - (a) State of the City: Adam reported on the prevalence of viral respiratory illness in town.
 - (b) Education and the Board: Mirna reported on her trip to China, the kick-off for a collaborative program; the BOE organizing meeting/election of officers) will be held in December.
 - (c) Sustainability: The Solid Waste Task Force is researching composting options; grant funding for removal of the Alewife Cove dam is being explored; there is concern about the large number of trees being removed in the city.
 - (d) Riverside Park: "Scenes from Riverside Park" closing reception is Nov 24, 2-4pm; a bench has been purchased and will be installed near the playscape.
 - (e) Community Land Trust: A meeting is scheduled at Mt Moriah for Thursday, Nov 8; caretakers are moving into 34 Prest St and are starting repairs.
 - (f) Thinking Green: Upcoming shows are Vets for Peace Concert (11/6), Luther Weeks (11/13); seeking nonprofits to highlight to close out the year.
- 7) Announcements and upcoming events

Bud reported on the activities of Sleeping Giant Renewable Energy task force, and its potential value as an energy development agency in New London.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 7pm, at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

Ronna moved to adjourn, 2nd by Danny; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Approved on December 9, 2018.