

New London Green Party

December 9, 2018 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Tambria Moore, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Jana Flaherty, Jason Kohl.

Start time: 7:04pm.

- 1) November minutes: Mirna moved to approve, 2nd by Bud; approved unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's report: No activity; balance is still \$491.93.
- 3) State Central Committee: At the 11/14 meeting, Peter Goselin's proposals to build the party and encourage cooperation among leftist groups were well-received. NLGP's proposal to disband the Dispute Resolution Committee was submitted and will be on agenda of the next meeting, which will likely be held on 1/9 or 1/14, based on doodle poll results. Windham was accepted as a new chapter of GPCT.
- 4) Old business
 - a) 2018 campaign debrief: 2CD candidate Michelle Bicking held the ballot line in a 4-way contest; Peter Goselin for Attorney General was the only statewide candidate to receive the 1% necessary to keep ballot access; Chris Soto, cross-endorsed by the New London Greens for State Representative, received 6% of his votes on the Green line.
 - b) The following issues and projects were discussed:
 - (1) Single-use plastic bag ban: We anticipate a process similar to the successful fracking waste ban in 2017. Joshua Kelly has agreed to meet with interested New Londoners to coordinate our efforts with Waterford; January date TBD.
 - (2) A few ideas for solidarity activities were discussed; a social event and tour of Mike Alewitz's museum of labor movement murals sparked most interest.
 - (3) Spearheading a New London/Waterford collaboration on monitoring homeless tent sites was suggested.
- 5) New business
 - a) 2019 annual meeting and internal elections will take place in January. A week or two before the meeting, we will reach out to all registered Greens, by email and in person, to encourage maximum participation. Canvassing days were tentatively scheduled for Saturday/Sunday, December 29/30.
 - b) The Waterford chapter has proposed revised bylaws for the Green Party of Connecticut. To be enacted, the change needs to be supported by at least 4 of the 6 current chapters; the proposed text will be disseminated to all NL Greens this month and voted on at our January meeting.
- 6) Updates
 - (a) State of the City: Don Venditto was voted in as Council President at the recent organizational meeting; John Satti is the new President Pro Tempore.
 - (b) Education and the Board: Mirna reported that the BOE just completed its self-evaluation and that officer election will take place at the organizing meeting on Thursday. The establishment of a non-lapsing fund for school maintenance is on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.
 - (c) Sustainability: Property owners have begun to be assessed a fee for stormwater, bringing the issue of sea level change to the forefront; Solid Waste Task Force continues to explore waste reduction through composting and recycling.
 - (d) Community Land Trust: Committees are working on property improvements,

application process for potential buyers, bylaws and 501c3 application, and fundraising. It was suggested that NLGP write a letter of support for the land trust.
(e) Thinking Green: Shows are scheduled on Solid Waste, NL Maritime Society, NL Community Meal Center, Secular Coalition of CT.

7) Announcements and upcoming events

Monday 12/10, 6pm, NL Senior Center: Solid Waste Task Force, presentation by CJ May.
Wednesday 12/12, 5:30pm, Sound Community Services: Housing after Prison
Thursday 12/13, 4pm, City Hall: Special meeting of the Shade Tree Commission
Tuesday 12/18, 6:30pm, New Haven Library: Ranked Choice Voting-CT strategy meeting
Thursday, 1/10, 5:30pm, St. James: NL Community Land Trust public meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 7pm, at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

Bob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Bud; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:46pm.

Subject to approval.