

## **New London Green Party**

May 5, 2019 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: John Balchunas, Sharms Gregor, Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Margarita Mogollón, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Bob Stuller. Guests: Jana Flaherty, Adam Mattila, Libby Nye, Stephan Ramdohr.

Mirna called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

- 1) Minutes from the March 3 meeting: Margarita moved to approve, 2nd by Ronna, passed unanimously. Minutes from April 7: Bud moved to approve, 2nd by Bob, passed unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's report: No New London Greens activity this month; balance remains \$1,683.58. Bob is working on terminating the Mirna for 39th campaign account.
- 3) Green Party of CT updates: The Annual Meeting/Internal Elections will be held on Saturday, May 18; if you do not receive a ballot within the next day or so, let Ronna know. Deadline for receipt of mail-in ballots is Wednesday, May 15. NL Greens are encouraged to attend.
- 4) Old business
  - a) 2019 municipal elections: A few potential candidates have been interviewed, but the Town Committee is seeking suggestions for additional community leaders who may be interested in running. Our platform will be focused on social justice and equity.
  - b) Follow-up on local issues and projects:
    - (1) Plastic bag ban initiative has been delayed, due to other pressing city issues and the potential for action at the state level. A proposed ordinance has been composed, and we're ready to submit it when the timing is right.
    - (2) Solidarity event: Earlier plans have been deferred; will reach out again to Mike Alewitz and Peter Goselin to find a date that works.
    - (3) Potential move of city offices continues to be an issue, with a presentation anticipated in the near future; if the move is authorized by City Council, one possible response could be a petition to bring to referendum.
    - (4) Stephan shared ideas for promoting single payer healthcare at the local level: present a resolution to be passed by City Council; screen the film "Fix It" (Potential dates to screen at Mar & Alma's house are 5/24, 5/31, 6/7)
- 5) New business - None
- 6) Updates
  - (a) State of the City: The budget had its first reading last Monday; 3 Councilors voted against the Board of Education budget.
  - (b) Education and the Board: The BOE still seeks the creation of a non-lapsing fund to support school maintenance; the investigation of a NLPS employee has caused concern.
  - (c) Sustainability: Funds are available for stormwater management; proposals by Solid Waste Task Force have been well received.
  - (d) Community Land Trust: The first Annual Meeting will be held on June 2.
  - (e) Thinking Green in May: Roberta Paro, Dirk Langevelt, FRESH-NL, Juneteenth.
- 7) Announcements and upcoming events
  - May 13: CCAG Legislative Breakfast at the LOB in Hartford
  - June 1 & 2: CT Trails Weekend walks

Next meeting will be Sunday, June 2. Bob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Margarita; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:04pm.

*Approved on June 2, 2019..*