

## **New London Green Party**

Sunday, April 5 – Zoom online conference

In attendance: Andrew Lopez, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Daniel Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder), Kris Wraight. Guest: Stephan Ramdohr.

Start time 7:30pm.

I. Meeting minutes: Danny moved to approve minutes from March 4, 2nd by Andrew; passed 5-0 with 1 abstention (Kris).

II. Treasurer's report: Beginning balance \$181.44, income \$200, so current balance is \$381.44. There is a pending \$106 expenditure (reimbursement for PO box rental). Report was accepted for the record by consensus.

III. Green Party of CT updates: The Annual Meeting will be held remotely as a Zoom conference on Saturday, May 16, 12-3pm. There are no competitive internal elections this year: Peter, Michelle, and Tim McKee are running for the 3 co-chair positions; Ronna for secretary; Bob for treasurer; and Owen Charles, Keith Foster, Cora Santaguida, Tim McKee, and David Young for the 5 representatives to GPUS national committee. Presidential preference voting will take place at the annual meeting, and the planning committee is looking into speakers and breakout session topics and facilitators.

### IV. Old Business

A. 2020 elections: We are waiting to see whether petitioning requirements will be relaxed or waived as a result of mandated social distancing. SOTS Denise Merrill has recommended that Gov. Lamont issue an executive order waiving ballot access petitioning for statewide recognized minor parties, including Green Party, but so far the requirements have not been changed. We are still seeking candidates for 39th district State Rep and 2nd district Congress. Work with Medicare for All CT may have some potential to encourage individuals to run for office to promote the need for universal health care.

B. We continued to discuss Green Party priorities and issues for this year, as well as the challenges to building and broadening the party's base. There is considerable interest in examining this year's CONL budget and evaluating how it does - or does not - promote New London health and wellbeing; information about upcoming budget hearings will be sent out.

C. At the recent Town Committee meeting, online games were suggested as a potential fundraiser, but we have not yet explored the idea further.

### V. New business

A. Discussion continued on the potential impact of COVID-19 mandates on political activities - including petitioning for new ballot lines, fundraising, and shedding light on important issues - and potential alternatives to more typical actions.

VI. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

Bob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Kris; passed unanimously. End time 8:40pm.

*Approved on May 3, 2020.*