

New London Green Party

Sunday, May 3 – Zoom online conference

In attendance: Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller, Wasaka, Kris Wraight.
Guests: Owen Charles, Jeff Russell.

Start time 7:08pm.

1. Meeting minutes: Bob moved to approve minutes from April 5, 2nd by Mirna; passed unanimously
2. Treasurer's report: No change; current balance is \$381.44, with a outstanding \$106 check. August 10 report to SEEC has been filed. Accepted for the record by consensus.
3. Green Party of CT updates: The Annual Meeting will be held remotely as a Zoom conference on Saturday, May 16, 12-3pm. Breakout sessions will include sessions on: Medicare for All; Community Choice Energy Aggregation; Animal Rights and Human Responsibility; and Food Justice 101 (presented by FRESH NL). There will not be a mass mailing this year due to absence of competitive internal elections. Presidential preference voting is being deferred until after the Annual Meeting, in part due to the potential entrance of Jesse Ventura into the race.
4. Old Business
 - A. 2020 elections: The modest relaxing of petitioning requirements does not affect our involvement in New London's 39th district or the region's 2nd Congressional District races. We are still seeking candidates for both. Deadline for endorsement of non-petitioning candidates is September 2.
 - B. Discussing 2020 issues, it was suggested that we pursue the creation of a "People's Budget" both to bring up current problems with the city's funding priorities and to start to reframe the process for the benefit of future budgeting decisions. Mirna, Kris, and Ronna volunteered to research and work on this. Other potential issues: Community Choice Energy and a Right to Farm ordinance.
5. Updates, announcements, and events
 - A. The restructuring/reduction of the Ocean Beach fee schedule for New London residents was discussed and generally considered to be a good start, though not adequate to ensure accessibility to all.
6. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

Bob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Ronna; passed unanimously. End time 8:28pm.

Approved on June 7, 2020.