

New London Green Party
Sunday, February 7, 2021 • Zoom online conference

In attendance: Sharmaine Gregor, Mirna Martínez, Daniel Spurr, Ronna Stuller, Kris Wraight.

Start time: 7:10pm

1. Meeting minutes: Danny moved to approve the minutes from January 3, 2nd by Kris; passed by consensus.
2. Treasurer's report: There was no report due to Bob's absence.
3. Green Party of CT report: The next State Central Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 25. Postcards have been ordered that can be used to invite Greens and allies to local meetings for municipal election planning. GPCT bylaws are in the process of being updated; please read and offer suggestions prior to the next SCC meeting, where they will be finalized then given to chapters to vote on approval.
4. Town Committee report: The Town Committee met on January 24 and discussed the 2020 election as well as potential issues and candidates for 2021. It was suggested that we interview past candidates to gain insight on their experience running, what worked well, and what we should do better. Another suggestion was to translate our NLGP website into Spanish and Kreyol to improve outreach in general.
5. Old business
 - a) 2021 Municipal Elections

Potential candidates update: Kris reported on her conversations with Shineika and Maya about the possibility of participating in a cross-party People's Budget slate, and we discussed how that might work within Green and Democratic Party rules. A list of helpful materials for recruiting candidates was compiled. It was noted that we do not need to petition for any ballot lines this year, so deadline for endorsing candidates is September 1, though we intend to do so by July, when the major parties announce their nominations.
 - b) Ongoing issues and actions

People's Budget: The survey about New Londoners' priorities has been finalized, and we are all encouraged to fill it out; the goal is 100 surveys completed per week, and volunteers are being sought for phone/text-banking next week to spread the word.

An ordinance is being brought to City Council to repeal the current policy of employing a minimum of 80 officers in the Police Department; Kris, Danny, Andrew, and Ronna volunteered to work on an op-ed countering columnist Lee Elci's claims that criticisms of NLPD are without substance, making the case for different modes of emergency response, and supporting the ordinance repeal.
6. New business: There was no new business.
7. Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7. Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:46pm.

Approved on March 7, 2021.