Windham/Eastern Community Action Network (W/E CAN)
Town Gown Committee Meeting
November 20, 2014

Eastern Attendees: Sonya Alicea, Angelo Simoni, William McLaughlin, Walter Diaz, Jeff Garewski, Clint Gosselin, Gabby Wrobel, Emma Blandford, Jim Howarth, Ken Bedini, Jessica DeFelice, Mae Ehrnfelt, Deanna Jimenez, Matt Hicks, Karolina Chranowska, Jacob Easley, LaMar Coleman, Patrick Kmiecik

Community Attendees: Marc Scrivener, Jack Reed, Bob Buckner, Bernard D’Auteuil

1. **The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.**
   - Welcome to all attendees and introductions were made.

   - **January 8, 2015 Meeting** – The meeting is currently tentative and Angelo will notified everyone if the meeting will be going forward as it gets closer.

   - Shirley Mustard called Angelo on his way to the meeting and she stated that the Lacrosse players did a fall cleanup and will be coming back to finish. They did a great job. She stated there have not been any issues, and it has been quiet. Eastern and Police have been doing a good job enforcing the code of conduct and laws.

   - **COPS Open Rec Night** – Chief Garewski stated that the COPS Open Rec Night is on Friday, 12/5, from 9pm-2am in the Sports Center.

   - **CLIP Law Enforcement Training** – Angelo stated that there will be a CLIP training on 12/5, from 8am-4:30pm with 140 attendees responding and 30 on the wait list. There will be persons from law enforcement, student conduct/student affairs as well as counselors. The training is on drug trends and will be conducted by DEA agents from Washington, DC.

2. **Community Concerns**
   - An off-campus Eastern student that lives on Walnut Street does not feel safe on the streets. She addressed the police to see if their priorities have changed now that the campus parties have calmed down. She is concerned about sketchy people walking by her house and that she doesn’t see any police patrolling the area. Lt. Buckner told her if she sees anyone suspicious to contact the police and he will speak with his officers to make sure they are patrolling the Walnut/Spring Street area. He stated that the calls are prioritized based on the seriousness and the officer’s availability.
- Another off-campus student stated she had an issue with a patrol car with a couple of officers being unprofessional, rude and disrespectful and cursing at her for no reason. Lt. Buckner will give her his card to get more information to address the issue.
- The students wanted clarification on 2 recent issues. One with the officer found sleeping in the cruiser. The matter was handled internally and the officer was discipline. The second issue was the student that was assaulted off campus and 911 did not dispatch the call. The dispatch association is dealing with this issue internally.
- VP Bedini stated it has been a peculiar year with the assaults on an off campus and stated he is willing to sit down with the Chief and SGA to go over these issues more in-depth.
- Patrick was asking if it was legal to video tape the student’s interaction with the police. Lt. Buckner will check with the Willimantic Chief of Police.
- Will McLaughlin asked Chief Garewski about why there was no e-mail blast regarding the student that was assaulted off-campus that called 911. The Chief stated that if it’s not an immediate threat to the campus, then it won’t be sent out. The Chief recently went to Cleary training, which helped clarify when and when not to send out the e-mail blasts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sonya Alicea
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