Windham/Eastern Community Action Network (W/E CAN)  
Town Gown Committee  
Meeting Minutes-October 10, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Angelo Simoni, Director of Judicial Affairs at Eastern Connecticut State University.

1) Eastern Green Campus – Mini Presentation  
   a) Director for Operations of Institute of Sustainable Energy: Bill Leahy  
      i) Mr. Leahy gave a presentation about Eastern's efforts to become a more green campus. It is predicted that by 2050 Eastern will be a carbon neutral school. Mr. Leahy also gave a brief overview about the fuel cell located behind the science building which assists with utilities for the science building.

2) Community Concerns  
   a) A community member brought up the concern of whether Windham St. Extension was still a street owned by the town or if it was owned by Eastern. President Nunez answered by saying that it is still a town street at the moment but the town is looking to turn the street over to Eastern in the near future, at which time, it will be paved.  
   b) A community member expressed that the parties are getting out of hand and is concerned that arrests are not being made by the Willimantic Police Department.  
   c) Two community members stated they are seeing students walking from campus onto the Ridgewood area with cases of water bottles full of vodka. They also have seen bonfires or cookouts and are concerned that this could be dangerous.  
      i) These same community members also stated how they see students speeding and leaving garbage around the neighborhoods.  
   d) President Nunez said thank you for bringing up the point about the water bottles and that the university will pay special attention to this. She also said that she believes anyone underage who is drinking, should be arrested. President Nunez also brought up the issue of technology and how using Twitter can inform hundreds of students about a party within seconds, which adds to the issues we see off campus.
e) Two community members expressed their frustration because they called the police three times and the party was still not shut down by 3am. They also explained that there are mobs of students walking down the streets late at night.

f) Capt. Spinner from the Willimantic PD wanted to inform everyone that the Town Council passed a parking ban for the winter months. From December 15 – April 15 there is no parking on both sides of the streets from 8pm-6am. They will be issuing tickets and possibly towing in some situations. He suggested putting that information in the newspaper to get the word out.

g) A landlord explained how he has been picking up water bottles, bottles of alcohol, and cups outside his properties. He also stated that he has been seeing more fighting going on this semester.

h) Per Bjornstad, SGA President, apologized on behalf of the student body. He explained to community members about SGA’s efforts with the “Are you one” campaign which was previously done, and that they are getting more creative this year with more creative, proactive campaigns to address the issues discussed at this meeting.

i) A Willimantic official stated that all college towns have these problems (underage drinking, quality of life-type issues), and that we are not alone with these problems.