Windham/Eastern Community Action Network (W/E CAN)

Town and Gown Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Attendees:  Mr. John Beck, Mr. Ken Bedini, Ms. Megan Bell, Chief Jeff Garewski, Mr. Dennis Hannon, Mr. Kevin Hoxie, Lt. Tom Madera, Ms. Liza Makuch, Mr. Angelo Simoni
Community Attendees:  Mr. Dick Grillo, Mr. Joel Meyers, Ms. Shirley Mustard, Ms. Teri Santucci, Chief Marc Scrivener, Captain Cliff Spinner, Mr. Matt Vertefeuille

Agenda Items In Review

1. Community Concerns
One community member brought up the master plan and asked Dr. Nunez to give an update on it. Another member indicated that a lawn ornament was stolen out of her yard and she wanted to make the university aware of it. While there is no reason to assume the theft involved an Eastern student, Chief Garewski is working with the community member to potentially resolve the issue.

2. Eastern SGA Update: “Day of Mayhem”

The event was an overall success. SGA went around campus at 6:45am making noise in an attempt to wake up the students sleeping on-campus. The purpose of this event was to create awareness of the bad behavior from some Eastern students off campus and the negative effects on the local community. When the students were woken up by loud noise, this demonstrated how neighbors might feel with loud behavior by college students at night and early morning.
3. Proactive Initiatives: Local Meet-and-Greet and Ride-Along with the Willimantic Police Department. The meet and greet went well. Over 25 houses were visited by the Dean of Students, Director of Judicial Affairs, and the Lieutenant from the Eastern Police Department. Students were reminded by the group their responsibility to be good neighbors and to follow all applicable laws and ordinances as they apply to hosting parties, noise, and underage drinking. The Ride-Along with the Willimantic Police Department is scheduled for the last week of April.

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