

Windham/Eastern Community Action Network
Town/Gown

Minutes
September 22, 2005

Dr. Tordenti called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Leo Morris spoke of his experiences in the last four weeks with student behavior in the area around his home, from rude behavior to cars parked in such a way that he is unable to get his vehicle out of his driveway. Dr. David Carter, President of ECSU, promised to have signs replaced on Windham Street Extension and would look into placing speed bumps. He expressed his concern about student behavior and indicated he and his staff would take steps to discipline students who are unruly. Dr. Tordenti advised the group of Eastern efforts to date. This includes letters to all students under age 22, and letters to all parents of freshmen and sophomores asking them to have conversations with their students about alcohol use and behavior in the local neighborhoods. She advised that landlords of houses on the Willimantic Police Department log of houses visited for noise violations were contacted, and those who rent to Eastern students were asked to discuss the neighbors concerns with the tenants. The landlords were invited to attend the next Town Gown meeting on October 13.

Discussion then focused on ordinances that had been submitted for review at the last meeting. Mr. Morris also brought up ideas that the town could pursue with the DMV regarding taxation of vehicles that are housed in Willimantic for more than 3 months. Discussion was also had about parking on Prospect Street around the Kramer School and other parking issues in town.

Dr. Carter reported that Eastern Police assisted Willimantic police 239 times last year, and 93 times so far this year.

Students who hosted a party that was particularly unruly attended the meeting and apologized to residents. They assured the group that this type of behavior would not happen again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.