

Town/Gown
Windham/Eastern
Community Action Network

9/8/05 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Kim Silcox welcomed those present and attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Discussion Points:

- Off campus student behavior. Dr. Tordenti and Dr. Carter suggested that the town look into enacting an ordinance similar to Bloomburg, Ill. that addresses student behavior through noise violations and landlord accountability. Eastern is meeting with students who are living off campus. Students who are hosting disruptive parties will be brought in to meet with Dr. Carter.
- Mutual Aid between Eastern and Willimantic Police. Eastern officials were concerned about liability issues and the intent of mutual aid provisions are for emergencies. Suggestion was made to have Eastern Police follow Willimantic Police in their own cruiser on Thursday nights.
- Off campus jurisdiction. Eastern will hold students accountable for off campus behavior if there is a direct nexus to the university that is a health and safety issue. Other schools have encountered problems with broadening its scope. Students who are off campus are regular citizens subject to police enforcement.
- Attendance at W/E CAN meetings. More residents from the hill section should attend to express their views. Residents should attend Town Meetings to express their concerns and advocate for ordinances.
- Parking. Two new lots are being constructed this fall to address the parking needs. A new garage will be constructed in summer 2006. A suggestion was made to make more short term parking areas on campus near the south residential areas. Dennis Hannon indicated they would look into that possibility.
- Lights in Child and Family Center lot. Shades are needed on the lights as they shine into residential homes adjacent. The University will look into providing shades. Holes in fences near the new residence halls will be fixed.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm. The next meeting will take place on 9/22/05.