

# EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Minutes for April 15, 2026

Attendees: 19

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Bob McGovern. He then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and prayer.

The secretary's report is on line. The treasurer's report was given.

Community police officer Kegan Gobinda:

- No significant changes in our area
- Community officers have been in the area addressing motor vehicle issues – running stop signs, distracted driving, etc.
- Many sting operations are going on city wide – drugs, guns, etc.
- The ATV issue is still a big problem – police cannot pursue them if they flee
- Free home security assessments for residents are available
- There will be a Bike Safety Education Session on May 6<sup>th</sup> (see enclosed)

State Representative Michael DiGiovancarlo spoke:

- New session in Hartford started so more info to follow next month
- 2.5% increase in our budget – 11.2 million for education (special ed is driving the cost up). Most teacher positions have been filled – special ed teachers lacking
- Our water rate will go up probably about \$200 per household – due to years of neglect with the system and the recent costly repairs
- Our police force is up to 305 officers
- Blasting continues on the ground only at the gravel pit on Pearl Lake Rd.

There was much discussion about the flags in our neighborhood. They will be installed pm Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Help is needed. We need people to help maintain them if there is a problem, ie. torn or off the pole. Bill Paternoster has agreed to be in charge of the maintenance. If you see a problem with a flag, please contact Bill at 203-805-3144.

All quiet in neighborhood watch. Issues are often reported on facebook.

Derek Guisto has been nominated for President of our association. Election will be in May. Also, the vice president position will be open after June.

There will be a citywide Earth Day cleanup on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM