

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for January 15, 2025

Attendees: 25

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.

Our community officer Anthony Batista, along with officers DeSena and Lemos spoke:

- Plan to bring area patrol officers to neighborhood meetings to meet and discuss issues
- Stolen vehicles are still a big issue – do not leave car running unoccupied
- Report any traffic issues and they will be addressed
- Coffee with a cop will be at Monteiro's on January 27th
- Citizen's academy will be starting up at the end of February
- Uptick of stolen ATM machines – if you own a business, do not have it near the door

Our legislative representative Mike Di Giovancarlo spoke:

- Medical building on Harper's Ferry Rd. has been started – will be a 42 bed hospital similar to Gaylord (traffic pattern was approved)
- Inspection of houses on Split Rock and Harwood will begin soon – then blasting will begin
- Governor is proposing an income tax cut

The director of Economic Development , Joseph McGrath, spoke:

- Old Brownstone buildings are being cleaned up or torn down to bring in new business or become apartments
- Freight St. completely done over now – looking at proposals for what to be done
- Library park to be done over
- All infra structures on almost all of downtown will be done over and upgraded
- 16 buildings downtown have new ownership of 2nd and 3rd floors – will be converted to apartments
- 1400 – 1800 commuters from Waterbury use the train – apartments in area should fill up quickly
- Post and UConn are expanding downtown – new classrooms and apartments will be added and available
- UConn will have an Allied Health Branch (only other one offered is in Storrs)
- Ashley Furniture bought Macy's end of mall – expansion coming; negotiation for Sears end in progress
- Wolcott Street and Chase Ave. have increased business
- Price Rite going into old Ollie Store on Wolcott Street

- Amazon project still going on – hopefully will be finalized by May and construction started in Fall of 2025
- Mill rate in city will go down with new businesses

Other business:

- Meetings will continue to be at Our Lady of Lebanon Church
- Will need 30 new flags to replace damaged ones
- Traffic study still going on with the NEST project on Rt.69- findings will be presented at February or March meeting
- Need to purchase a new star for the top of the Christmas tree

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM