

# EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Minutes for May 20, 2026

Attendees: 34

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.

State Representative Michael DiGiovancarlo spoke:

- There is much concern about the recent blasting – the new company did not know they had to give a warning prior to blasting which explains why no one knew.
- Home owners are reporting claims for damage but getting denied – will look into why
- Speed bumps now installed by park
- Concern about the group home on Westport Drive – one tenant there is always wandering off. The police have been called several times for this. The safety of our residents is in question. Mike recommends to keep calling the police so there is a paper trail in hopes something down the road may be done. He will also let us know who to contact in the state to report this issue
- The NEST project on Rt. 69 is going to court – stay tuned

Captain Steve Alden spoke:

- He oversees blight, traffic, and community officers in city – trying to bring more officers in to community department to make sure our areas are safe
- The speed cameras and red light cameras will be installed in early September – all plates are subject to tickets (to be issued by the city). Owner of car is responsible for ticket so if someone else is driving the car, you get the ticket.
- The city received grant monies for enforcing DUI, speeding, and distracted driving violations. Officers are out there enforcing these laws
- Speeding issues can also be reported on the Q alert
- Loud music reports are being received – the lastest one we heard last weekend was from Hamilton Park. Continue to report them but will probably increase during the summer months

Community police officer Kegan Gobinda:

- No significant changes in our area – robberies, break ins, and weapons violations are down citywide
- Concern raised about the speeding on Peach Orchard Rd. – most of the motor vehicle stops have been here. Please continue to report issues.
- Police department still getting prank calls so police may show up at your house thinking something has happened.
- See enclosed sheet regarding a city wide Pop Up event

The Earth Day cleanup on April 25<sup>th</sup> was a success . One pickup truck full of trash was collected. Many thanks to all that helped keep our neighborhood clean.

Over 100 flags were installed over the past two weeks. We are waiting on an order of more than 50 flags to complete the installation ( help will be needed when they arrive.) We did vote to reduce the number of flags to be installed. Thanks to all that helped.

The Harry Northrop Scholarship applications were sent out to schools. They are due back by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on facebook or from our association if needed. A \$500.00 donation from the Grella family for the scholarship was given. Much thanks to the Grella family.

There will be a Flag Day celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the East Farm cemetery.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 noon to 6 pm, there will be a celebration of our countries birthday at Hamilton Park. At 2 pm, there will be a nation wide bell ringing. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Holy Land – rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Derek Guisto will be our new President next term. The vice president position is open. Thanks to Bob McGovern for the great work he has done.

At our next meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have our end of the year social. We will have food catered but please feel free to bring any food or dessert.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

# Waterbury Police Department's Pop-up Community Outreach Event

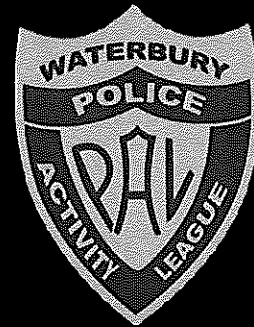
Join us for a fun and informative Community Pop-up.  
Learn about local resources, ask questions, and get involved!

Thursday, May 28th

Brass City Harvest

359 Mill St, Waterbury, CT 06706

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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