

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for June 24, 2026

Attendees: 32

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 – robberies, break ins, blight, etc
- Loud noise complaints are on the rise due mostly to the summer season. The Waterbury noise ordinance rules are enclosed. Continue to report any incidents to the police department
- The red light cameras will be installed this fall
- Please beware of facebook scams regarding people selling items
- Police department still getting prank calls so police may show up at your house thinking something has happened.
- See enclosed sheet regarding the ongoing ATV issue

The Harry Northrup East Mountain scholarship was awarded to Marley Mestek. She is a Holy Cross graduate and will attend Uconn in the fall. Congratulations to Marley.

The Waterbury Neighborhood Council awarded 6 scholarships this year.

We need 35 flags for the 11 streets that have no flags. They were ordered in April from the American Legion and still have not been sent. It was decided to wait for these flags rather than purchase higher priced ones.

On July 3rd 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. We will have a membership information table along with BMNA and EECC in an effort to encourage new neighbors to attend. Help is needed. An EMNA youth group was also proposed. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 4th at Holy Land – rain date July 5th.

The 13th annual electronics collection event is this Saturday, June 27th from 9am to 1 pm at the Sears Automotive parking lot on 495 Union Street

Derek Guisto will be our next President. Thank you Bob McGovern for the great job you did for the past 3 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Our potluck social followed.

Waterbury Noise Ordinance

Purpose (§97.01)

The ordinance is meant to protect residents from excessive noise and vibration that can disturb people, affect their health, safety, peace, or quality of life.

Key Definitions (§97.02)

- **Daytime Hours:** 7:00 AM–10:00 PM (Mon–Sat), 9:00 AM–10:00 PM (Sun)
- **Nighttime Hours:** 10:00 PM–7:00 AM (Mon–Sat), 10:00 PM–9:00 AM (Sun)
- **Decibel (dB):** A unit used to measure sound.
- **Emergency:** A situation involving immediate danger to people or property.
- **Emergency Vehicle:** Police, fire, EMS vehicles using sirens or warning devices.
- **Domestic Power Equipment:** Lawn mowers, leaf blowers, power saws, drills, etc.
- **Muffler:** A device that reduces engine noise.
- **Noise:** Sound that exceeds the limits established by the ordinance.
- **Residential Zone:** Areas used for homes, schools, or recreation.

Noise Limits (§97.04)

It is illegal to create noise that exceeds the permitted decibel levels beyond your property line.

For residential areas:

Time	Maximum Noise
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Daytime	55 dBA
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Nighttime	45 dBA
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Special rules:

- No impulse noises (gunshot-like, explosive, or sudden loud sounds) over **100 dB** at any time.
- No impulse noises over **80 dB** at night in residential areas.

Noise That Is Exempt or Allowed (§97.04)

The ordinance does **not** apply to:

- Natural sounds (thunder, wind, etc.)
- Church bells and school bells
- Police, fire, and EMS sirens
- Emergency alarms (unless a burglar alarm rings for more than 30 minutes)

- Farming activities

The following are generally allowed:

- Lawn mowers and power tools during daytime hours
- Snow removal equipment
- Permitted parades, concerts, sporting events, and fireworks
- Trash collection
- Construction during daytime hours

Prohibited Noise Activities (§97.05)

Police officers may issue citations of \$92 without using a sound meter for these violations:

Vehicle Horns

Illegal to:

- Blow a horn unnecessarily.
- Use a horn for reasons other than warning of danger.

Loud Music

Illegal when music from:

- A house,
- Business,
- Vehicle,

It is loud enough to disturb others.

Yelling or Shouting

Illegal when yelling, screaming, whistling, or singing disturbs nearby residents.

Barking Dogs or Noisy Animals

Illegal when an animal repeatedly or continuously disturbs neighbors.

Loud Exhaust

Illegal to operate a vehicle or engine without a proper muffler or with an excessively loud exhaust.

Construction During Restricted Hours

Generally prohibited:

- Before 7:00 AM
- After 6:00 PM

unless there is an emergency permit.

Loading and Unloading

Illegal to create excessive noise while loading or unloading trucks or materials.

Truck Idling

Vehicles over **10,000 lbs GVW** may not idle:

- More than **10 minutes**
- On or near residential property.

Noise Near Schools, Churches, Courts, and Hospitals

Illegal to create excessive noise that interferes with activities at:

- Schools
- Churches
- Courts
- Hospitals
- Medical facilities

Quick Enforcement Summary

An officer can generally cite someone for:

- Loud vehicle stereos
- Loud house parties
- Excessive yelling or screaming
- Barking dogs are causing ongoing disturbances
- Modified or loud exhaust systems
- Excessive truck idling
- Construction during prohibited hours
- Unnecessary horn use

WATERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT



ATV TIP LINE

Report illegal ATV and dirt bike activity on city streets and in parks.



Help keep our streets and parks safe by reporting illegal ATV and dirt bike activity in the City of Waterbury.

HOW TO REPORT



Call and leave a message: **203-755-1234**



Email tips: **atvtips@waterburyct.org**



Emergency: **Call 911**

Waterbury Police Department