Present: Mayor Paterson, John Armstrong, Kevin Grunwald, Ashley Trotter, Derek Debus, John Sobanik, Dana St. Pierre, Tina Hadley, Rich Cournoyer, Robert Yanez, Nancy Silander, Anthony Simpson, Shawn McCabe, Tom Ryba, Ande Bloom, Fran Raiola

1) Welcome

Minutes- Minutes from 12/13/12 were approved

2) Winter Storm Nemo

John Armstrong: The Town of Mansfield did a great job with cleanup. Two areas of concern were Carriage House and the sidewalks on Hunting Lodge Road which are now cleared. Mayor Paterson: The Mansfield crews did an excellent job and were able to get kids back in school fast.

Kevin Grunwald: Some senior residents had difficulty clearing the snow. Would it be possible for UConn volunteers to help with this in the future? Armstrong: Will speak with Matt Farley in Community Outreach about this.

3) Updates

Town University Relations Committee:
Nancy: Cynthia Van Zelm gave updates on the Downtown. Gino’s is expected to open at the end of February/ early March. Notices encouraging people to park in the garage have gone out. The weekend formerly known as “Spring Weekend” was the major topic of the meeting.

Law Enforcement Updates/ UCPD & State Police:
Sgt. Cournoyer: Parties have started up again around town and the police are keeping on top of addressing these issues.

Mansfield Housing Office: Derek Debus: Maintaining enforcement with rentals and follow up with Property Managers / Landlords,

Property Managers:
Dana St. Pierre: Gave tenants lots of information about snow removal, emergency information and emergency numbers. Everything went well during and after the storm.

Anthony Simpson: The walkways were cleared and renovations will be starting at Knollwood next week and Clubhouse will soon follow.

John Armstrong: Emergency information was sent out to the landlords and residents prior to the storm using social media and email.

Fran Raiola: Information went out with the help of Off-Campus Student Services. They did a great job in getting information out to students.
4) **OCSS Outreach/ Programming**  
*Ashley Trotter:* Off-Campus Student Services has a number of events coming up including the Off-Campus Housing Fair on March 12th and Commuter Appreciation Week April 1st-4th. Previous events including the Commuter Event on February 13th were a great success with a large turnout.  
*John Armstrong:* Limited number of complaints so far this semester; students walking on 195 between CVS and Towers. No repeat offenders at any property where John Armstrong, Sgt. Cournoyer and Derek Debus held meetings in Fall 2012.

5) **Academic Calendar**  
*John Armstrong:* Spring Break is March 17th-23rd followed by Easter Weekend. The information given thus far about the weekend of April 25th-27th is that there will be University sanctioned events on campus. These events will be for students only and residential life will still be enforcing a strict guest policy. Off-Campus landlords are also encouraged to get information out to their tenants about guest policies, parking, etc.  
*Mayor Paterson:* The message to the community and the students’ needs to be consistent and clearly communicated. It needs to be a community approach.  
*Dana St. Pierre:* Willington Oaks will have a police presence for every weekend of April. Dana will plan an event with Off-Campus Student Services to help get the message out to students.  
*John Armstrong:* University sanctioned events will be student driven.  
*Shawn McCabe(ECSU):* At Eastern Connecticut State University, the organization called “Fresh Check” was brought in to approach suicide in a positive “fun” way to get students talking. They offer free massages and were sponsored by the ECSU Women’s Center and Residential Life.  
*John Armstrong:* Fresh Check will be a part of the student driven weekend. Oozeball will also be offered and only students can participate with a valid student ID. No guests will be allowed on Campus in Residence Halls or in Dining Halls. Some roads and parking lots will be closed. A clear message is being sent that this weekend will not resemble what it has been in the past.  
*Sgt. Cournoyer:* There should be a consensus between all property managers on a Guest Policy. Properties will hire police and/or security and communicate with tenants early and often about expectations. “Spring Weekend” is back on campus with student sanctioned events, but is not back off campus. There will be a “no tolerance” mentality. Good and legal behavior will not be disrupted but we will not be tolerating anything else.  
*Mayor Paterson:* The Town Council and Town Manager’s Office will back the “Zero Tolerance Policy” and Sgt. Cournoyer in all of his efforts.  
*Kevin Grunwald:* A letter to the High School Students should be going out because that weekend falls during their spring break. Armstrong will follow up and report back to the group.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55pm  
Next meeting Thursday, March 14th / 4-5:30PM