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Meeting Minutes Tax Abatement Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

7:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Notice

The Tax Abatement Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. [LM-2025-0613](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF RICHARD A. BUCKHOLZ, TAX ACCOUNTS 1924, 1929, 1930, AND 1931.

Attachments: [Buckholz Information](#)
[Signature Copy](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

2. [LM-2026-0049](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CASANDRA C. ROACH ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT 90541.

Attachments: [Signature Copy](#)

This Order was Given Leave To Withdraw to the Board of Alders

3. [LM-2026-0150](#) ORDER CONCERNING OF WESTVILLE CEMETERY REQUESTING TAX ASSISTANCE ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 23619.

Attachments: [Westville Cemetery Information](#)
[Signature Copy](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2026-0149](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF MARKET A DARDEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT 820866.

Attachments: [Marketa Darden Information](#)
[Signature Copy](#)

This Order was Given Leave To Withdraw to the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2026-0047](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF SHEVALLE K. SANTOS ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 93825, 96163, 98363, AND 98377.

This Order was No Action

6. [LM-2026-0176](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JEROME HARPER SR.ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 72025, 86427, 71964, 71965, 72960, 72961, AND 72908.

Attachments: [Harper Information](#)

This Order was No Action

These items are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services. 165 Church Street, Per order: Hon. Troy Streater, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 203 946 7651 (voice) or 203 946 8582 (TTY).

Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Streater, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., May 13, 2026, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Streater, Douglass, Morant, and Melendez.

1. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF RICHARD A. BUCKHOLZ, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 1929, 1930, AND 1931.

Mr. Buckholz came before the committee and explained his request to the committee.

The committee had a discussion with Mr. Buckholz concerning his payments.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Streater asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

2. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CASANDRA C. ROACH ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT 90541.

Alder Streater asked if there was anyone for Ms. Roach. No one came forward. Alder Streater told the committee they would pass over this item.

3. ORDER CONCERNING WESTVILLE CEMETERY REQUESTING TAX ASSISTANCE ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 23619.

Mr. Linden, Director of Westville Cemetery, came before the committee and explained his request.

Alder Douglass asked Mr. Linden to explain why they failed to submit the Form M-3 on time. Mr. Linden explained.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Streater asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

4. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF MARKETA DARDEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT 820866.

Donald Hayden, Committee Staff, told the committee that this item was no longer required because it had gone to uncollectable taxes. Alder Streater asked the Tax Collector to come forward. Ms. Kirby did so.

Alder Melendez asked her to explain about uncollecables. Ms. Kirby did so.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

5. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF SHAVELLE K. SANTOS ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 93825, 96163, 98363, AND 98377.

Ms. Santos came before the committee and explained her request.

Alder Melendez asked if she had something from her insurance company showing that her car had be totaled in an accident. Ms. Santos said she did not but could get it.

Alder Streater told the committee that they would pass over this item and give Ms. Santos time to get the requested information.

6. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JEROME HARPER SR. ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 702025, 86427, 71964, 71965, 72960, 72961, AND 72908.

Alder Streater asked if there was anyone for Mr. Harper. No one came forward. Alder Streater told the committee they would pass over this item.

At 7:30 PM, on a motion by Douglass, seconded by Melendez, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Douglass, seconded by Melendez, made a motion to move item 1 to credit the interest paid by Mr. Buckholz. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this action
2. Alder Douglass, seconded by Melendez, made a motion to move item 2, for Leave to Withdraw. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this action
- 3 Alder Douglass, seconded by Melendez, to move item 3. to forgive the taxes, fees, and interest for Westville Cemetery. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this action
4. Alder Douglass, seconded by Streater, to move item 4, for Leave to Withdraw. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this action
5. Alder Streater told the committee that they were going to pass over item 5 & 6

At 7:40 PM, on a motion by Douglass, seconded by Melendez, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative

Services. The meeting was also recorded online and can be seen on the Board of Alders You Tube.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst