

# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

6:00 PM

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Aldermanic Chambers

## Legislation Committee

(Board of Alders Notice-New Haven) The Legislation Committee of the Board of Alders will meet “in-person” on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor; New Haven, CT to hear and act on the following item:

[LM-2025-0231](#) FROM THE YALE SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO APPROVE A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, CT § 43.1-13B, TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY WITHIN THE CITY AND, IN TURN, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE POPULATION.

Per Order: Hon. Ellen Cupo, Chair

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk

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## Minutes

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Alder Ellen Cupo, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Alders Ellen Cupo, Chair; Richard Furlow, Vice-Chair; Jeanette L. Morrison; Adam J. Marchand; Eli Sabin, and Carmen Rodriguez.

1. FROM THE YALE SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO APPROVE A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, CT § 43.1-13B, TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY WITHIN THE CITY AND, IN TURN, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE POPULATION.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Laura E. Brown, Director City Plan, 262 West Rock Avenue

Director Brown reviewed the City Plan Report # 1661-04. Discussed how the ordinance amendment affects a limited scope of the zoning code, as it only applies to public plazas in the BD-3 zones alone.

City Plan Commission recommends giving this item leave to withdraw due to the limited scope and lack of specific criteria for gauging compliance with this ordinance amendment.

The presenters did not attend or submit written testimony. No one from the public testified.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Furlow moved to give item # 1 leave to withdraw, seconded by Alder Marchand. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Furlow moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder C. Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:10 p.m.

Alder Furlow moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder C. Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: 6:14 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II