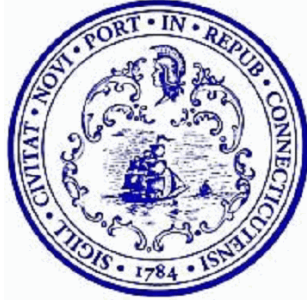


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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Chamber

City Services and Environmental Policy

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The City Services and Environmental Policy Committee of the Board of Alders will meet “in-person” on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut, to hear and act on the following items:

- 1) [LM-2025-0381](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ORCHARD STREET AND EDGEWOOD AVENUE AS “DEACON JOHN E. COTTEN, SR. CORNER,” IN HONOR OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN ANCHOR, STAPLE, LEADER, AND PILLAR OF THE DWIGHT COMMUNITY AND CITYWIDE.
- 2) [LM-2025-0528](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REDFIELD STREET AND COLUMBUS AVENUE AS “JERRY J. BELL CORNER” IN PERPETUITY, FOR HIS LOVE, COMMITMENT, GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN THE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD.
- 3) [LM-2025-0535](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DIXWELL AVENUE AND HENRY STREET AS “WILHELMINA AND JAMES A. PERKINS CORNER” IN PERPETUITY, FOR THEIR LOVE, COMMITMENT, GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN THE DIXWELL NEIGHBORHOOD.

Per Order: Hon. Anna M. Festa, Chair

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of Legislative Services, City Hall, 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

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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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Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:07 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair, Kampton Singh, Vice-chair, Troy Streater, Amy Marx, Kiana Flores, and Caroline Tanbee Smith.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Richard Furlow, Frank E. Douglass, Jr. and Evelyn Rodriguez.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ORCHARD STREET AND EDGEWOOD AVENUE AS "DEACON JOHN E. COTTEN, SR. CORNER," IN HONOR OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN ANCHOR, STAPLE, LEADER, AND PILLAR OF THE DWIGHT COMMUNITY AND CITYWIDE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Hon. Frank E. Douglass, Jr. presented this corner naming in honor of Deacon John E. Cotten, Sr. for his contributions as an anchor, staple, leader, and pillar of the Dwight Community.

Rev. John Cotten, Jr., 1322 Town Walk Drive, Hamden, Son of Deacon John E. Cotten, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Rev. Danielle Cotten, 1322 Town Walk Drive, Hamden, Daughter-in-Law, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Rev. Kim Cotten, 322 Butternut Street, Middletown, Daughter, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Anthony Hawkins, Sr., 153 2nd Street, Hamden, spoke in support of this corner naming.

John Cotten, III, 1765 Foxon Road, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Deacon John E. Cotten, Sr. spoke regarding the accolades and what it was like to run his barbershop and mentor children in the Dwight Community.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REDFIELD STREET AND COLUMBUS AVENUE AS "JERRY J. BELL CORNER" IN PERPETUITY, FOR HIS LOVE, COMMITMENT, GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN THE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Hon. Evelyn Rodriguez spoke in support of this corner naming in honor of Mr. Jerry J. Bell and his love, commitment, contributions, and service to the Hill Neighborhood. Hon. Rodriguez read a letter from Mr. Bell's pastor, Ken Vance of Vertical Church, in support of this corner naming.

Vilma Bell, Spouse, 47 Redfield Street, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Kisha Hull, Ageless Mature Adults, 147 Promenade, Hamden, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Ali Bell, Son, 47 Redfield Street, spoke in support of this corner naming. Mr. Bell read a letter of support from Mr. Jerry Bell's neighbor, Beverly (aka Cookie) spoke in support of this corner naming.

Brian Janaw Gray, 329 Edgewood Avenue, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Michael Millis, Rhythm of the Heart, 445 Front Street, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Lola Johnson, Friend, 65 Dwight Street, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Norma Rodriguez Reyes, Friend, 13 Harbour Close, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Amir Glenn spoke in support of this corner naming.

Anthony Dawson, 28 Ann Street, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Tomas Reyes, Jr., 6 Autumn Ridge, spoke in support of this corner naming.

Olga Riveria, Sister-in-Law, 492 Blatchley Avenue, spoke in support of this corner naming.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 2, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DIXWELL AVENUE AND HENRY STREET AS "WILHELMINA AND JAMES A. PERKINS CORNER" IN PERPETUITY, FOR THEIR LOVE, COMMITMENT, GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN THE DIXWELL NEIGHBORHOOD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Hon. Troy Streater presented this corner naming in honor of Wilhelmina and James Perkins in honor of their love, commitment, contributions, and service to the Dixwell Neighborhood.

Anthony Dawson, 28 Ann Street, spoke in support of this corner naming.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 3, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:31 p.m.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 7:42 p.m.

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<https://youtube.com/@boardofalders8363>.

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