



Town of Coventry

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Governor:

I am writing because the Coventry Town Council has unanimously adopted strategic planning goals for the 2025-2027 term, at the heart of which is our desire to make significant strides towards attainable and workforce housing. We appreciate the tools and supports built into HB8002 that assist smaller towns with this process. We know that increasing attainable housing in our community will complement our economic development needs, allow retirees to stay in community, and help Connecticut retain young graduates of both UConn and Eastern CT State University. Next month, CMDA Exec. Director David Kooris will meet with us to discuss Coventry joining the Authority, and we are working with CRCOG to conduct a housing suitability study. We are serious and organized in our efforts.

In order to achieve our goal, we have several critical infrastructure needs, including:

- a water tower that can provide better fire suppression to our village area where we can increase mixed use development;
- replacement of a culvert on Broad Way, one of our main east-west corridors that is critical for emergency service response, as well as access to several small businesses including two golf courses and a winery;

The Town of Coventry has submitted two Bond Commission requests to assist us with these projects. One is for the water tower, for which we were awarded a Congressional grant for about 1/3 of the project thanks to Rep. Joe Courtney. We are seeking the remaining funds. The other is to replace the culvert on Broad Way.

The Town of Coventry and I are hopeful that you and your administration will act favorably on our requests. We are excited to show all that a small but mighty town can do!

Best Regards,

Lisa Thomas
Chairwoman, Coventry Town Council

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