UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
Town Council Steering Committee Meeting
January 27, 2026 7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room B

1. Call To Order, Roll Call;

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jonathan Hand at 7:01 PM.

Members Present: Jonathan Hand-Chairperson, Matthew Kyer, Mark Wheaton, and Lisa Thomas (Ex-Officio Member & Council Chairwoman).

Absent: None

Also Present: James Drumm-Town Manager, and Alex Taylor-Special Projects Coordinator.

2. Acceptance of Minutes, December 22, 2025:

Kyer moved to accept the minutes of December 22, 2025, Wheaton seconds.

Discussion/Changes:

- Pg. 4, Under 4.M., change "Rick DePaola" to "Rick Nowsch".

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

3. Reports:

3.A. Chairperson:
Hand reported that he reached out to a few people for statement of interest forms, as discussed at the last Steering meeting. A few are on tonight's agenda for appointment, so he is happy to see that the outreach was successful.

3.B. Committee Members:
None

3.C. Monthly Board and Commission Reports:
No discussion on the Vacancy or Expiration Reports.

Board Member Report:
Wheaton asked for more information regarding the Flood and Erosion Control Board, as it lists that all current Town Councilors serve on that board. Hand noted that it may be beneficial with the stormwater management things coming up but commented that it is something that comes with being a Town Councilor. Drumm added that it will be reviewed with the other boards and commissions. Thomas explained that it is required by CT General State Statutes to have, however the board rarely meets due to lack of business. Thomas also shared that information about it can be found in CT G.S. Section 25-84 through 25-94.

Wheaton also asked about the Coventry Softball Field Study Committee, as he thought they would have been disbanded once the fields were complete. Thomas commented that the town was waiting until all pieces of the STEAP grant and Bond Commission work were completed before they were discharged. Drumm gave a status update that everything is just about finished with the fields, outside of some plantings. He believes they are ready to be discharged but will verify this with other town staff.

Wheaton also mentioned that on the America 250 Committee, 6 of the 8 members are of the same party, which doesn't comply with the bare majority ruling. It was discussed that the Town Council only appointed so many members, and others were representatives put forth by various entities, like the library, that required representation. Since they are not Town Council appointed, their party affiliation does not apply. Drumm read from the minutes of January 2025 where this was discussed for clarification.

4. Resignations/Not Wishing to be Reappointed:

4.A. Parks & Recreation Commission: Miller:

Hand acknowledged the resignation and thanked Miller for her service. Kyer also shared appreciation for her enthusiasm, talents, and commitment, especially in the rowing community.

5. Appointments:

Motion: I move to add to tonight's agenda, item 5.I. CRCOG Regional Planning Commission: E. Thomas.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Motion: I move to add to tonight's agenda, item 5.J. Economic Development Commission: Barry.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Motion: I move to add Simon Hecht to tonight's agenda, for consideration under agenda item 5.D. Parks and Recreation Commission.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

5.A. Conservation Commission: Coss, Brian:

Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint Brian (of Maple Drive) to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire 1/1/2030.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: It was noted that there are 2 Brian Coss's (father and son). The other Coss, Brian J., (son) was appointed to this Commission at the last Town Council meeting. This Brian Coss (father) is also an existing member seeking appointment for a new term. Kyer thanked him for his continued interest in serving.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

5.B. Human Services Advisory Board:

- **Bennett**
- **Cooper**

There was confusion surrounding this Board, as there are a total of 9 seats, but only 2 are reflected as filled on the Board Member Report. The vacant positions are not listed on the vacancy report. Hand read some information from the town website about this Board. Kyer requested this be tabled until there is more information available.

The Steering Committee had consensus to continue agenda item 5.B.

5.C. Parks & Recreation Commission Alt. to Full: Considine:

The Steering Committee had an in-depth discussion on moving Considine's Statement of Interest in with the other pool of applicants under the Parks and Recreation Commission appointments under agenda item 5.D.

As there were only 2 Parks and Rec Commission vacancies, there were disagreements on the process for all the candidates looking to serve as full members of the Parks and Rec Commission. Hand felt that appointing alternate members to full members when seats become available has been past practice if they are interested in full membership, as they have put in the time to serve. Any candidates not appointed to the Parks and Rec Commission can be notified of the open alternate position. Thomas disagreed with this approach.

Kyer shared an interest in tabling agenda items 5.C. and 5.D for the following reasons:

1. It would allow Parks and Rec Director, and staff to the Parks and Rec Commission, Lesly Munshower or Hand to contact the candidates in the list below to see if there is any interest in serving in an alternate capacity or as full member only.
2. It allows for the agenda items to be revised to include Considine in the list of candidates and clarify candidate interest in full or alternate membership.
3. It allows for Considine to rephrase wording on her Statement of Interest form, as Wheaton had concerns with her use of "adult entertainment".

He reminded that tabling this for a month will not impact their business as they still have enough members to make a quorum, nor will it affect those who are already serving, as their service continues.

The Steering Committee had consensus to continue Agenda Items 5.C. and 5.D.

5.D. Parks & Recreation Commission:

- **Drumm**
- **Garcia**
- **Orcutt**
- **Rodgers (currently serving)**
- **Hecht**

The Steering Committee had consensus to continue Agenda Items 5.C. and 5.D.

5.E. Pension & Retirement Committee:

- **Elsesser**
- **Murphy**

Hand commented that both Elsesser and Murphy are members currently serving on the Pension and Retirement Committee.

Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint John Elsesser to the Pension and Retirement Committee for a term to expire 1/1/2029.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: Elsesser was thanked for his continued service.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint Justin Murphy to the Pension and Retirement Committee for a term to expire 1/1/2029.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: It was noted that even with these appointments, more members are needed on the Pension and Retirement Committee.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

5.F. Special Constable: Chipman:

Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint Officer John Chipman to be the Special Constable for a term to expire 2/5/2028.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: Drumm explained that Officer Chipman is currently the Animal Control Officer as well as the Community Service Officer. This appointment as Special Constable allows him to write citations. Hand commented that Chipman has served in this position for a number of years and thanked him for his years of service.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

5.G. Veterans Memorial and Events Commission:

- **Brand (currently serving)**
- **Zetterstrom**

There was some confusion as Brand's Statement of Interest had writing that indicated he no longer wished to serve. However, his Statement of Interest was submitted not that long ago. It also appeared that only 1 seat was available, and there are 2 candidates on the agenda.

The Steering Committee had consensus to continue this item to allow for further research into the situation. Hand noted that he will reach out to Brand.

5.H. Water Pollution Control Authority: Twerdy:

Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint Matthew Twerdy to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term to expire 11/7/2027.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: Hand noted that he has known Twerdy for a long time and has been a long serving member of the WPCA. Hand thanked Twerdy for his continued service.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Motion: I move to move agenda item 7: Consideration/possible action: Excess Tax Payments Ordinance, up on the agenda to take place after agenda item 5.H,

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously in favor

5.I. CRCOG Regional Planning Commission: E. Thomas:
Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint Eric Thomas to the CRCOG Regional Planning Commission for a term to expire 12/31/2026.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: Hand thanked E. Thomas for continuing to serve in this capacity.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

5.J. Economic Development Commission: Barry:
Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to appoint Barbara Barry to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire 2/1/2031.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: Hand thanked Barry for her continued service.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

6: Consideration/possible action: revision to job description, Mechanic I:
Drumm explained that there is currently a vacancy for a Mechanics Helper. Typically, the person in Mechanics Helper position is supposed to change tires, oil, etc., but typically the person employed in the position does duties beyond what is required/expected. Drumm explained that usually, the town hires a Mechanic 1 or a Mechanic's Helper, but never both at the same time per the Public Works Union Contract.

The Director of Public Works, Bill Watkins, prefers to recruit someone who has more skills, meaning the town is not going to recruit a Mechanics Helper. For this reason, the Mechanic 1 job description has been upgraded and updated to the new format.

Taylor explained that both Watkins and the Public Works Union have reviewed this to ensure everyone is OK with it. He explained outside of the formatting changes, the substantive changes are minor. He explained them as follows:

- Additions under Essential Duties and Responsibilities.
  - Plowing and treating roads

- Roadside maintenance
- Operation of a variety of diagnostic instruments and tools

Wheaton shared concerns that the position may be difficult to fill with all the requirements requested in the description. He suggested that if the position becomes difficult to fill, then it may benefit from removing the CDL requirement, or strike the mechanic portion in order to get a CDL.

Drumm explained that everyone working for the DPW currently has a CDL. This way, the employees are able to perform dual duties. Drumm continued that the main requirement would be the mechanic, and they could work out the CDL. However, they recently posted a position and received applications, which 9 of them had their CDL.

Wheaton also shared concerns with the last bullet under the 'Work Environment' Section, as it refers to exposure to toxins and poisonous substances. Taylor explained he typically hasn't seen this on job description as he hasn't updated many from public works. He explained that he is relying on Bill Watkins's expertise, and this language was in the job description previously.

Wheaton suggested altering the wording to say, "substances used in the maintenance of heavy equipment...". Han added that the previous job description stated that exposure was "possible" not "occasionally" as the current description states.

Kyer suggested changing "The employee is occasionally exposed to extreme cold or heat, greases and oils, toxins, poisonous substances, dust, chemicals, electricity, electro-magnetic radiation, and other hazardous materials" to "Exposure to extreme cold or heat, greases and oils, toxins, poisonous substances, dust, chemicals, electricity, electro-magnetic radiation, and other hazardous materials is possible.". The other Steering members agreed to that change.

Drumm noted that if this is voted to go to the Council, he can double check with the union in the meantime to make sure they don't have a problem with this minor tweak.

Motion: I move that we recommend to the full Council to adopt the revised job description for Mechanic 1.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

7. Consideration/possible action: Excess Tax Payments Ordinance:

Drumm explained that the Tax Collector and Finance Director brought this forward to let the Council know that an ordinance is required to do certain things, some of which the town is already doing. If Coventry would like to continue operating under these policies/practices, ordinances will need to be put into place. Taylor has put together drafts for Steering to review.

It was proposed that an ordinance be adopted to allow for the retention of excess payments and waiving of amounts due below $5 is recommended. If adopted, it will bring the Town into compliance with state statute while avoiding high costs associated with reimbursements sometimes as low as several cents.

The Tax Collector, Kelly Lawer, attended via Zoom to discuss this in more detail with the Steering Committee. She explained that both these practices have been in place for over a decade. She explained that it is only fair

that if the office is not going to send out a refund for less than $5, then they do not send out a bill for under $5 either. She continued that this would result in cost savings in paper, envelopes, paper, etc. that are needed to send out a refund or bill, as this costs more than $5.

Lawer also explained that this does not apply to those who were affected by the software rounding issue during assessments. If anyone did overpay, they will see a credit memo on their next tax bill.

Lawer also explained that this situation does not happen that often, and most times when it does it is very small amounts. She noted on the upcoming Grand List, there are 3 people who this applies to. Last year, there were more, which she felt had to do with motor vehicle prorates.

The Steering Committee members felt this seemed like common sense, balanced, and equitable.

Thomas questioned how difficult it would be to credit someone with a $3 overpay. Lawer explained that it can be down for property and real estate sometimes, however, it can become more difficult with motor vehicles as owners can change. She also explained that it would roll over from one Grand List to another, which could impact the budget and be complicated with general accounting principles.

Kyer asked about a scenario where a resident underpays by $5 or less on a tax bill and if that remaining amount would be waived. Lawer confirmed that it would be. He stated that this is concerning and could add up if multiple residents did this. The concerns were weighed against the costs to bill or issue refunds.

Taylor explained that the way the ordinance is worded, allows the Tax Collector to waive the $5 not mandate it. There are ways to track repeat offenders, should this ever become a problem.

Motion: I move to recommend to the full Town Council to adopt the Excess Tax Payments Ordinance.

By: Kyer Second: Wheaton

Discussion: Hand reminded that these practices are already in place, and now Coventry will be in compliance with State Statutes, but there will be no real changes to how things are working.

Vote: Unanimously in favor

8. Discussion: Ordinance for Fire Prevention and Protection Cost Recovery:

Drumm explained that Meyers is requesting an ordinance be considered for the Fire Department to collect a fee for fire calls, similarly to how EMS fees are received for EMS calls. It was discovered that residents with insurance can be charged to have the insurance companies cover the cost, if this ordinance is in place. Many communities nationwide are doing this.

Kyer questioned since this is just for discussion, if it will appear on the next Steering agenda. Drumm confirmed and explained that there is a recommended ordinance that was drafted from an out of state example, but staff would like to look into other CT communities who have adopted this ordinance to create a better version for Coventry. However, before in-depth research was completed, Drumm wanted to ensure this is something the Town Council would like to pursue. He continued that it is unusual for Fire Departments to charge for their calls, but it is becoming more common in certain areas of the country.

Taylor shared that he is aware that Tolland and New Haven have this type of ordinance, and some things they have in common are clarification of what services are eligible to be charged and what the fees are going to be.

He continued that if the Town Council wishes to move forward, his next steps are to reach out to these communities for a better understanding, see how it has impacted these communities.

Kyer asked for more information about how many towns are doing this. He explained that it would make a big difference to the community on whether it's 25% or 3% of CT that has this type of ordinance. Kyer also asked for information about avoiding the procession of charging for emergency help. Regardless, he feels it worthwhile to have town staff pursue further information.

Hand agreed that he would like more information and felt the Steering Committee would benefit from having conversations with Fire Chief Bud Meyers at their next meeting as he may have more information to share from his position as President of the Fire Chiefs Association.

Wheaton shared that he has conflicted thoughts about the ordinance. He agrees that if someone gets a service, they should pay for it. However, the fire service is a public good that people have already paid for in part, and this is asking them to pay twice. Additionally, he commented that it feels like kicking someone when they are down. However, he also agreed that the matter is worth looking into more. Wheaton pointed out that there are some conflicting areas in the documents, where 1 says the insurer and the other says responsible party. He continued that if the plan is to bill insurance companies, then none of the documents should state "responsible party". Taylor agreed that this was an area of concern.

Hand reminded that this is a practice that is already involved with EMS calls, as the EMS department bills an individual's medical insurance. This would extend that practice for incidents involving a fire department response. He added that during a fire tragedy, insurance companies are receiving a lot of bills to cover the costs associated with the fire. He stated that our Fire Department should be seeking funds from the insurance companies for their response to help offset department costs and operations. He agrees with looking into this further.

Kyer added in Meyers's letter, he explained that this would cover collecting fees for a response from the Fire Department to incidents that happen in town involving non-residents who are not paying taxes in Coventry.

Wheaton shared concerns about where the line is drawn philosophically, and does this mean the Police Department will start charging for responses too. It was clarified that this only involves the Fire and EMS Department and will only charge for things specifically covered by insurance policies.

It was also clarified that the documents reviewed state that the bills will only go to the insurance company, not the property owner.

Drumm explained that the next steps are for town staff to do more research on ordinances for this that are currently in place statewide and to have Fire Chief Meyers come to a future meeting to answer questions raised.

The Steering Committee had consensus to continue this agenda item.

9. Consideration/possible action: Establishment of School Building Committee to evaluate current and future facility needs for Coventry Public Schools:

It was discussed that there are many steps in this process before Steering can recommend the full Council to establish a School Building Committee.

Kyer noted that he would like to get more information, like the background of past School Building Committees, prior to even reviewing a draft charge.

Thomas commented that since the scope of this Committee would be a large facilities study, they may want more than 5 members like the current School Building Committee has. She also felt that the work that this Committee does should fit within the Town Council goals of looking at town facilities across the board. Thomas discussed the 'wants' for the makeup of the Committee and asked that representation for certain skills and knowledge be considered (i.e. contractors, Finance Director), as this is important to the community. She requested that staff come back with a recommendation of what the Committee should look like, based on past knowledge and challenges. Kyer agreed and commented that this is the type of information he is looking for. Kyer added that all they have right now is a request for the BOE that 3 BOE members serve in the Committee, but that is only a suggestion at this point. Drumm shared that 3 BOE members on a 5-member board is a bit excessive, but if the Committee was larger than it would be less so.

Wheaton discussed who he feels should have representation on this Committee and asked for input from other Councilors. The following Committee was suggested:

- Board of Ed
- Town Council
- Someone who understands state grants and reimbursement processes
- People (1-2) who understand buildings/facilities, and construction
- Someone who understands contracting (for large projects that include design, engineering, electrical, etc.) *Knowledge of school buildings is a plus*
- Educator(s)
- Someone with utilities knowledge (sewer, water, power, etc.)

Thomas suggested that the scope be considered, and do they want the committee to just do a study, which would have a certain lifespan. If this committee only completed the study, then a Building Committee would need to be formed after. She explained that Steering will need to consider filling 2 committees or moving forward with establishing 1 that is a facility study and building committee. Thomas stated that a benefit of having it be a Study and Building Committee, is that they keep the qualified and experienced individuals on the committee, instead of risking losing them if they had to fill 2 committees. However, it was stressed that the individuals are made aware of the commitment, as this committee will have a life (of the committee) term, which could span years due to the long-term nature of the study and potential projects.

Wheaton wanted to take a step back and ask, what the outcome of the committee would be, and what the Council is trying to do.

Kyer shared that some of the attachments to the last Council agenda highlighted this. Some of those highlights include:

- Cost Savings
  - Large factor
  - HVAC mandates are coming, requiring HVAC solutions for the other schools (CGS, GHR, and CNH)
  - CGS has significant issues, and it is undecided whether the school/BOE should incur large HVAC costs on a building in such condition
  - Efficiencies in administration costs and transportation costs not having to move between the schools.
- Potential to move Pre-K from CHS/CNH Complex to a Pre-K-5 campus

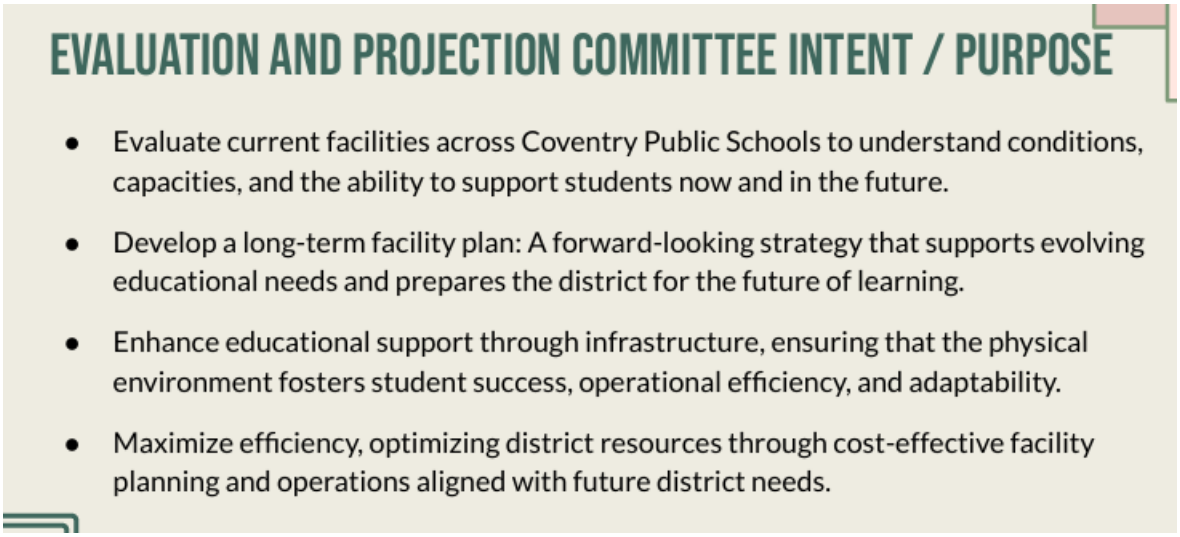
Thomas stated that there were discussions years ago about turning the GHR school into a Pre-K-5 campus, but that was just an idea. Kyer stated that the new committee can consider this and all other options available.

Wheaton stated that Dr. Petrone's memo seemed narrow by stating that they want to improve educational space, but it seems the goal is to improve educational outcomes and save money while doing it. Thomas stated that it will be clarified in the charge, but what should be included is examination of all the pieces of the puzzle.

Hand shared the following excerpt from Dr. Petrone's letter, which he feels establishes the goal that Wheaton was questioning:

"Establishment of a school building committee is a critical step in evaluating current and future facility needs. Engaging in long-range planning and ensuring that any proposed solutions are thoughtful, fiscally responsible, and aligned with the educational needs of our students and communities."

Thomas also shared the bullet points from the 3rd slide of the slide deck attached to the Town Council agenda that explained the intent and purpose of the committee.



Thomas also shared that there is a slide that explains the 9 goals for learning spaces that would be considered by the committee as well.

Kyer shared an example that CGS was developed in 1955, and back then it probably made sense for a classroom to have 4 electrical outlets. However, with technology utilized in the classroom today, 4 outlets are not nearly enough. He also shared that when he started teaching 30 years ago, computer labs were just being put into schools. Now, they aren't necessary as each student has their own device.

The Steering Committee had consensus to direct town staff to do research and provide a framework for the Steering Committee to build from.

10. Consideration/Possible Action: Expanded Veterans Residential Property Tax Exemptions (Not Ready For Action):
With this item not ready for action, there was no further discussion.

11. Adjournment:
Kyer moved to adjourn at 9:39 PM Wheaton seconds. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM by unanimous vote.

Submitted by,
Nicole Archambault

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Steering Committee Minutes Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Steering Committee at the next Steering Committee meeting. Please see the next Steering Committee meeting minutes for approval or changes to these minutes.

Statement of Interest Forms (added after agenda was posted):

To be reappointed new term to expire 12/31/2026

Statement of Interest In Serving on a Town Board or Commission

STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN SERVING ON A TOWN BOARD OR COMMISSION

Date	1/23/2026

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First Name	Eric
Last Name	Thomas
Address	255 Geraldine Drive
City	Coventry
State	CT
Zip	06238
Telephone (Day):	8609307515
Telephone (Evening):	*Field not completed.*
Email address:	waterthames59@gmail.com
Board or Commission name:	CRCOG Regional Planning Commission
Current member?	Yes
Where did you hear of this opening?	Currently serving
If other please specify	*Field not completed.*
How long have you lived in Coventry?	37 years
Are you a registered voter in Coventry? (Must be a resident elector to serve)	Yes
What is your party affiliation?	Democratic
Other party (please specify)	*Field not completed.*

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission and what you would like to accomplish.	I have enjoyed participating in these regional planning meetings and workshops, representing Coventry's planning interests. I would like to continue this role to support Coventry land use planning in a regional context, and provide regular updates to Land Use staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Please outline other education or experience which would be helpful to the Board or Commission to which you are applying:	*Field not completed.*

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Electronic verification of accuracy and adherence to Conflict of Interest Statement:	Verified

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Possible Alternate position term to expire 1/1/2028

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First Name	Simon
Last Name	Hecht
Address	59 Frederick Dr
City	Coventry
State	CT
Zip	06238
Telephone (Day):	2039152714
Telephone (Evening):	2039152714
Email address:	simonhecht77@gmail.com
Board or Commission name:	Parks and Recreation
Current member?	No
Where did you hear of this opening?	Recruited by Committee Member or Town Council
If other please specify	*Field not completed.*
How long have you lived in Coventry?	19 years
Are you a registered voter in Coventry? (Must be a resident elector to serve)	Yes
What is your party affiliation?	Democratic
Other party (please specify)	*Field not completed.*

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission and what you would like to accomplish.	I have been a resident of Coventry for the last 19 years, moving here with my wife after growing up and living in other parts of Connecticut. As she and I built our family, it was the town's parks that helped us gain a sense of community. Our kids used playgrounds in the parks or elementary schools, participated in youth soccer at Laidlaw Park, and developed their baseball skills at Miller Richardson Park. It was in these places that our kids and family have made life long friends, and seen how the residents in a small town come together. When my kids weee younger, I was part of the Coventry Soccer board, and was part of the Laidlaw park expansion and improvements. As they became older and more involved in baseball, I joined the Little League board and helped guide the Miller Richardson Park expansion. I have seen first hand the impact that these improvements have had on the children and families in this town, and received many compliments from coaches visiting from other towns. As I have stepped down from directly supporting the Little League, I would like to continue to be involved in shaping the future of our town's parks, and continue to build a sense of pride for our residents.
Please outline other education or experience which would be helpful to the Board or Commission to which you are applying:	I have spent the last 15 years volunteering with the Coventry Little League organization, the last 5 of which as a board member. During this time I was involved in Miller Richardson Park's renovation design and the merger of Coventry's softball and baseball organizations into one combined little league.

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Appointed

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Date: _____

Barbara Barry
PO Box 307
Coventry, CT 06238

Telephone (Day) 860-803-7163 (Evening) same

Email address: 307barbara@charter.net

Economic Development Commission
New Term to Expire on February 1, 2031

Current member?

✓ Yes ____ No

Where did you hear of this opening?

☒ Currently Serving ☐ Channel 191 ☐ Website ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Town e-blast
☐ Recruited by Committee Member or Town Council ☐ Other: (specify) _____

How long have you lived in Coventry? 50 years

Are you a registered voter of Coventry? (Must be a resident elector to serve) ☒ Yes ☐ No

What is your political party affiliation? ☐ Democratic ☒ Republican ☐ Unaffiliated ☐ Other (specify):

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission and what you would like to accomplish.

Please outline other relevant education or experience which would be helpful to the Board or Commission you are requesting:

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By signing below, I certify that the information I have provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, that I desire appointment to a Board or Commission in Coventry, that I am willing to adhere to the conflict of interest policy stated above, and that I will abide by Council policies for volunteers as detailed in the Volunteer Handbook.

Date: 1/25/2026 Signature: Barbara Barry

TOWN COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT: (optional)
The _____
recommends _____
for (re)appointment to _____
Official _____ Office _____

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