

Coventry Boards & Commissions

Ad-Hoc Farmer's Market Operating Committee:

This is an Ad-Hoc Committee of the Economic Development Commission. The purpose of the Committee shall be to study, develop, coordinate and implement programs and activities for the Farmer's Market. They also will oversee volunteers, policies, and procedures in the regulations of the market. This committee is 7 members including a vendor representative and representative of CT Landmarks.

Ad-Hoc Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee:

The Ad-Hoc Lake Advisory and Monitoring Committee subcommittee comprised of between five (5) and seven (7) members to work with the Conservation Commission on Lake Issues such as education of best land management practices, monitoring lake quality and viability, monitoring invasive species and serving as a sounding board for lake use issues. This ad-hoc committee shall be only advisory in nature and report to, and work with, the Conservation Commission. The ad-hoc committee shall not be empowered to take any independent action and shall not represent the Town's position on any matter. These actions are reserved solely for the Conservation Commission as authorized by Town Ordinance and State Statute.

Ad-Hoc Town Protected Spaces Stewardship:

This is a Sub-Committee of the Conservation Commission. The purpose of this Sub-Committee is to study, develop, coordinate and implement programs and activities related to undertaking and coordinating volunteers in providing stewardship on Town owned property and easements. Also, develop stewardship techniques and implement strategies. This Committee consists of 5 members appointed by the Town Council for 3 year term.

Ad-Hoc Water Supply Study Committee:

This committee shall work with Connecticut Water Co. developing concepts and cost estimates for water system improvements that will enhance economic development and fire protection. The committee will be 5 members made up from a representative of Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission, Economic Development Commission, Coventry Housing Authority, and Town Council.

Board of Assessment Appeals:

This board is charged with conducting appeals hearings for those wishing to appeal assessments on grand list property. Members are elected to 4 year terms.

Board of Education:

The Board of Education shall consist of seven members, elected, whose term of office shall be for two years. The Board of Education shall be responsible for the conduct of the educational system of the town.

Building Code Board of Appeals:

This board reviews appeals submitted by persons who wish to appeal decisions made by the Building Official. This board consists of five members who are appointed by the Town Council to serve staggered 5 year terms.

Cable Television Advisory Committee

A regional citizen advisory committee which provides feedback to Charter Communications. Also, provides guidance to local Community Access activities. This board consists of 3 members each serving 3 year terms. Two members are Town Council appointed; 1 is appointed by the Board of Education.

Cemetery Commission:

The Cemetery Commission controls, manages and directs the acquisition, appointment, use and disposition of all town-owned cemetery properties and the appurtenances, including land, plantings, buildings and equipment related thereto, and maintain these said properties and appurtenances. The Commission consists of 5 members each serving staggered 3 year terms.

Conservation Commission:

The Commission conducts research into the utilization and possible utilization of land areas of the municipality and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets as necessary for its purposes. It keeps an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshland, swamps and other wetlands, for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas, and may, from time to time, recommend to the Planning Commission plans and programs for the development and use of such areas which may include the acquisition of conservation easements. It may acquire land in the name of the municipality for any of its purposes as set out in this section. The commission consists of 7 members.

Coventry High School Walls Code Compliance Building Committee:

The purpose of this committee is to oversee project(s) concerning the code compliance at the Coventry High School. They will follow state guidelines and evaluate potential State grant reimbursements. The committee shall have 5 members and 1 alternate. Members will service until completion of project

Coventryvision Committee:

The purpose of the Coventryvision Committee shall be to develop procedures and coordinate programs and activities related to events and local issues for broadcast on the community access channel provided by Charter Communications. The activities shall be positive and informative in tone and free from political undertones. All programs must comply with applicable regulations of Charter Communications as may be amended from time to time and in accordance with community standards. The 5 members are Town Council appointed for staggered 3 year terms.

Eastern Highlands Health District:

A regional health district created under State Statutes to serve the health and sanitation needs of the community. There are 2 members from Coventry serving 3 year terms.

Economic Development Commission:

The Economic Development Commission was created for the purpose of the promotion and development of the business and industrial resources of the Town of Coventry. The 9 members serve 5 year terms all expiring on February 1st of various years.

Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee:

To Study and identify viable and feasible energy conservation projects to reduce energy consumption and/or expenses in town and school facilities; to explore and evaluate renewable energy projects to

supplements or replace conventional energy to benefit town and school facilities; to explore grant and private sector opportunities, and to prepare a report to the Town Council of findings and recommendations for funding and implementations. The 5 members with 1 alternate serve a term of 3 years.

Flood & Erosion Control Board:

The Coventry Municipal Flood & Erosion Control Board shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it pursuant to Sections 25-84 to 25-94 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or otherwise imposed by law on Flood & Erosion Control Boards. The Town Council shall appoint seven people, for a term of 2 years. The Town Council shall have the authority to appoint its members as members of the Board, each who shall serve as long as a member of the Town Council.

Housing Authority:

This authority exists for the purpose of ensuring that inhabited dwellings are deemed safe and sanitary. The five members serve staggered five year terms.

HUD Housing & Rehab/ Fair Housing Commission:

The purpose of the commission is to oversee the Housing Rehab Program to ensure that policy is meeting program objectives. Five members serve 2 years on the board.

Human Rights Commission:

The purpose of this commission is to enforce all State and Federal laws that prohibit discrimination and promote enforcement and understanding of those laws; shall assist the Human Rights Officer in developing, approving and implementing outreach programs; shall refer complaints of discrimination to the Human Rights Officer for action; shall inform the Human Rights Officer of any changes in human rights obligations or the laws they become aware of; shall enforce and implement the "Equal Opportunity Ordinance" and "Equal Opportunity Plan" as adopted by the Coventry Town Council. All 5 members are Town Council appointed to serve 2 year terms.

Inland Wetlands Agency:

The purpose of this agency is to enforce the existing Coventry regulations adopted by its predecessor agency in conformity with the regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to 22a-39 of the CT General Statutes, as are necessary to protect the wetlands and water courses within the territorial limits of the Town of Coventry, and shall have all powers granted by Chapter 440 of the Connecticut General Statutes to amend, modify, enforce and promulgate new regulations as said agency deems necessary to protect the wetlands and water courses within the town of Coventry. The agency consists of 5 full members and 2 alternates serving staggered 3 year terms.

Insurance Advisory Board:

The purpose of this board is to annually review all insurance needs for the Town; recommend the inclusion or exclusion of Town properties and or/personnel in insurance policies; communicate with insurance companies or agents on behalf of the Town, prepare insurance bid specifications upon the request of the Town Manager or the Board of Education; and review all Town insurance policies annually. There are five members each serving 2 year terms staggered.

Library Renovation & Improvement Committee:

This committee is charged with the issues of necessary upgrades and refreshing, electrical, technology infrastructure, energy upgrades, code compliance, adequate bathrooms, parking, operational efficiency and the need to address water intrusion in its facility. This committee has 5 members and 1 alternate.

Local Emergency Coordinating Committee:

The Committee Works to plan, refine, and implement emergency operating procedures for the Town. Representatives from the Coventry Public Schools, Finance, Fire Departments, Human Services, Public Works, Police Department, Emergency Management Director and the Town Manager make up this Committee.

Municipal Historian:

Promote an awareness and appreciation of the community's history. Assist in the identification and preservation of historical structures and sites.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

This commission is charged with the development and supervision of recreational programs and the maintenance of recreational facilities within the Town of Coventry. An Amended Ordinance effective January 12, 2013, reduced the members to 5 Commission members, with 2 alternates who each serve 2 year staggered terms.

Pension and Retirement Committee:

Appointed by the Town Council, this committee is charged with the administration of the Pension Plan for Town officers, employees and their beneficiaries. The 5 member's terms run for 3 years.

Personnel Appeals Board:

This board shall seek to assure that the employment system of the Town is fair and equitably administrated and serves the interest of the Town while respecting the proper claims of the employees. This board conducts hearings regarding certain employee appeals, and makes decisions based on their findings. The seven members serve for three year staggered terms. Five members are appointed by the Town Council; two by the Town Manager.

Planning and Zoning Commission:

The Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for protecting and promoting the public's health, safety and welfare and environment through the regulation of land use activities. The Planning and Zoning Commission is assisted by the Land Use Office and is staffed by the Director of Planning and Development. There are 5 members and 3 alternates all of whom serve 3 year staggered terms.

School Energy & Building Efficiency Building Committee:

This Committee's purpose is to identify the need for energy efficient repairs and related electrical and other improvements in Town owned buildings. There are 5 members and 1 alternate.

Veterans Memorial Commission:

The purpose of this commission is to review and assess all existing memorials for veterans and recommend action for their repair and maintenance to the Town Council; make recommendations to the Town Council with regard to memorials that would honor all of Coventry's veterans for the Korean and Vietnam War; take such action as authorized by the Town Council to enact recommendations of the Commission. This commission consists of 7 members serving 2 year terms and meets monthly.

Water Pollution Control Authority:

The Town of Coventry Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was created March 17, 1980 pursuant to Section 7-246 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town Council appoints 5 members to two-year terms. The WPCA is responsible for the effective management of the community sewerage system and seeks environmentally sound and economically efficient ways to continue its sewer avoidance policy.

Windham Regional Transit District

A regional transit authority which provides Dial-A-Ride and limited fixed route service in the Windham region.

Youth Services Advisory Board & Council for the Prevention of Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse:

The Coventry Youth Services Advisory Board and the Coventry Council for the Prevention of Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse meets each month (September-June). The Board discusses and makes program recommendations for drug and alcohol prevention, educational activities and positive youth development programs. Members are Town Council appointed and are comprised of student, faculty, police and community representatives.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Elected officials who hear appeals of actions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and decide on variance of the Town's Zoning Regulations. The board consists of 5 full members and 3 alternates elected for 2 year terms.