How we can help your business

Town of Coventry
Economic Development Commission

The following is an indication of the variety of services, skills and opportunities offered by the Commission as a whole:

- Performs business visitation and mentoring
- Hosts business education forums
- Maintains a list of target properties for economic development
- Develops educational materials
- Familiar with municipal permitting and regulatory/operational processes
- Serves as business advocate with development applications
- Hosts business networking events
- Hosts events to attract business to community

The Commission typically meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

We welcome you to join us!


Dr. Tim Liptrap - Management Professor at Nichols College, sports marketing experience, social media/internet marketing expert, business owner.

Carol Polsky - Currently the Store Manager/AVP at TD Bank in the East Brook Mall with over 30 years of experience helping small businesses with their deposit, lending, and cash management products and services. Past recipient of Coventry Rotary’s Community Service Award. Currently sits on the boards of two local non-profits.

Sondra Astor Stave, Ph. D. - Restaurant reviewer in local newspaper, Chair of EDC for over 20 years, Former member and chair of Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency, Author and editor, Oral Historian, Career-long Educator and Administrator
“A vibrant community needs a balance of residential and commercial activities. The Town of Coventry welcomes business development which complements and enhances the Town’s rural and historic character and is appropriate for the neighborhood. Town boards and staff stand ready to assist in bringing this to fruition.”

- Mission Statement, 1996

List of Business Links:

**Town of Coventry Website:**
www.coventryct.org

**CT Economic Resource Center:**

**Coventry EDC Website:**

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Please contact town staff to schedule appointments or obtain further information.

This brochure provides information on the responsibilities of the Coventry Economic Development Commission as well as details about the skills and experience of the individual members.

The Commission stands ready to provide assistance and guidance to the Coventry Business Community by offering a broad range of experience relative to economic development and business support.

The following is a member list with the respective knowledge possessed by each individual.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss how we can help your business.

**Barbara Barry** - Maintains relationships with business networking groups. Is pleased to introduce new start-ups to these groups or to individuals who can assist.

**Samuel Belsito** - Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Planner with Smith Brothers Financial, LLC. Sam works primarily with business owners and executives to help them stay educated and organized in their financial lives. With over 13 years of financial planning experience, Sam is an excellent resource for the EDC/Coventry businesses.

**Richard Giggey** - Ran, planned and organized National Meetings for 300 employees, Owned a small restaurant—30 employees, Developed seminars and training programs for employee/employer interaction to understand market trends and needs.

**Bill Jobbagy** - Business mentoring experience, involved with Northeast Economic Alliance and Last Green Valley, current member of Planning and Zoning Commission, former Chair of Coventry Village Main Street Partnership

**Mark Lavitt** - Landscape Architect, Home Designer/Builder, Land Developer, Apartment Owner