

Town of Goshen, Connecticut
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Sequence of Events

Sequence of Events for Construction of Dwelling, Addition, Pool or Accessory Building in the Town of Goshen

1. For a new house have a soil scientist flag any wetlands on the lot and have an engineer/surveyor develop a site plan that shows the proposed house, driveway, sewer line or septic system, well location and any wetlands or watercourses located by the soil scientist. Contact Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436 for a list of soil scientists.
2. For a new house obtain approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed septic system and well location. Lots inside the Woodridge Lake Sewer District require approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed well. If there is a septic system on your lot, the Health District must approve all additions, decks, and accessory buildings. The Health District has a separate pool application permit that must be obtained for all new swimming pools. Contact Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436.
3. Obtain an Inland Wetlands Permit from the Goshen Inland Wetlands Commission for any work proposed within 75' of a wetlands or watercourse (the regulated inland wetlands areas.) The Commission regulates construction, filling, and removal of material within the regulated wetlands and watercourse area. Contact Martin Connor, Town Planner, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer on Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 7:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. at 491-2308 ext. 232. The Inland Wetlands Commission meets the first Tuesday each month at 7:15 pm, Goshen Town Hall. Per State Statute, all applications must be received 3 working days prior to a meeting.
4. Obtain a driveway permit from the Highway Supervisor, Edward Perry (860) 491-6029 for all new driveways. He will also assign addresses on new houses.
5. Obtain a Zoning Permit from Martin Connor, Town Planner/Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, for the proposed houses, additions, decks and accessory buildings. The required zoning setbacks for the WL - Woodridge Lake Zone are 20' front and rear and 20' on the sides. Lots in the RA-2 and RA 5 Zones are 50' front and rear, 30' setback on the sides. The RA-1 Zone requires a 50' front and rear yard setback and 20' on the sides. Pools, Decks and accessory buildings all require Zoning and Building permits and must meet the minimum zoning setback requirements. Maintenance sheds under 150 square feet must meet the front yard setbacks for the zone but can be built in all zones no closer than 10' from side and rear property lines.
6. Obtain a Building Permit from Bill Boudreau, Building Official. (860) 491-2308 ext. 231. He is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Martin J. Connor, AICP
Goshen Town Planner/Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer