Title 46 - Building Moratorium

Be it ordained by a duly held Special Town Meeting of the Town of Goshen, Connecticut:

WHEREAS, Goshen is the steward of the headwaters of three public drinking water supplies (City of Waterbury, City of Torrington, Town of Litchfield); and

WHEREAS, Goshen has no public drinking water supply of its own; and

WHEREAS, Goshen’s residents rely on bedrock aquifer wells, and said development poses a serious threat to these resources and the public health, safety and welfare of the present and future residents of Goshen;

THEREFORE, in order to more properly plan for present and future development, be it ordained by the Town of Goshen pursuant to Public Act 82-437 as follows:

A. No future applications for Land Use Permits, Building Permits, Subdivision Approvals, or any other permits or approval required by any ordinance of the Town of Goshen before commencing any development of or change in the use of land, other than development of single family homes on individual lots, and to allow repairs of existing structures, commercial or otherwise, without changing current use, shall be accepted, considered, or acted upon by the Goshen Town Planning Commission, or the Town of Goshen Building Official, or the Goshen Town Land Use Commission during the period commencing with the effective date of this ordinance and for one hundred twenty (120) days thereafter.

B. By the adoption of this ordinance, the Town of Goshen consents to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut so as to allow an appeal by an aggrieved party in a proper case.

C. This ordinance shall not apply to or affect applications for the issuance of building permits or other approvals for any project for which a land-use permit was approved prior to the effective date hereof.

This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Goshen. Adopted: 12-30-1986

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