

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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The Building Department appreciates you inquiring about your upcoming project(s). On the following pages you will find, and hopefully use, this basic information. Building codes and standards are numerous, approximately 20,000 individual items, to be less than exact. And, for the inexperienced or uninitiated, they can seem confusing and overwhelming. And that is precisely what we are here for. We provide guidance, explanation, opinion, education, and hopefully, all things buildings. This is not a perfect science, but science nonetheless. Ever evolving, changing, methods and materials constantly upgrading. We, in the building department, deal with these codes and standards every day. They are intended to keep everyone safe and secure in the built environment, but only to a minimum standard. While numerous, let us guide you without overwhelming you. Allow us to provide you with our education and expertise. We don't pretend to have all the answers, and if we don't know, we will tell you. Then, we will research the question to try to provide that answer to you. We want you to partner with us. We welcome your calls, emails, and questions. Most of all, we want you to use the **Canton Building Department** as a **Community Resource**. Please take the time to research our pages. They contain basic information, a template of sorts, to help you get started.

Thank you and good luck.

Please remember, you may need more than a building permit. Your project may involve Wetlands, Zoning, Water Pollution Control, Farmington Valley Health District, or even a Driveway permit. We will do our best in trying to help you determine the shortest path to not only start your projects, but complete them as well.

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