

## Occupancy Inspection Required

As a result of new revisions to the Building Permit Ordinance approved at Vassalboro's annual Town Meeting on June 2, 2008, occupancy inspections are now required. This means that before you start living in a newly constructed home, the Code Enforcement Officer must inspect it for compliance with certain local and state laws. This provision also applies to mobile and modular homes. The following things will be checked:

1. There is an approved method for on-site wastewater disposal installed with a minimum of one working toilet and sink,
2. The inspections required for internal plumbing and subsurface wastewater disposal have been done by the Local Plumbing Inspector.
3. Proof is provided that all electrical wiring in a newly constructed residence has been installed or inspected by a master electrician, state electrical inspector, or an appropriate state certified electrical inspector
4. Erosion control measures are implemented as required in the building permit
5. There is a permanent heat source and a minimum of one smoke detector,
6. New homeowners shall be required to place in a location visible to the road, numerals four inches (4") in height to identify the building for emergency purposes. If applicable, the mailbox of the residence will have identifying numerals on both sides of at least four inches (4") in height, and
7. Overall conditions of safety and sanitation are met.