



ASHFORD CITIZEN 5 TOWN HALL ROAD ASHFORD CT 06278

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"The purpose of the Ashford Citizen is to keep Ashford citizens informed on what is going on in town." (August 1952)

A Message from the Selectman's Office

Fellow Ashford Citizens,

Since Storm Bailey dropped over a foot of snow on our town December 16-17, I would like to highlight the great work that Ashford's Public Works Director Joe Kalinowski and his crew did to clear our roads.

Joe monitored Storm Bailey's approach and progress closely to accurately time road pre-treatment and optimize plowing. A key aspect of making our roads passable is preventing ice packs from forming on them so that they can be scraped as clean as possible. Knowing what materials to use and when to pre-treat roads are essential to maximize effectiveness and prevent material waste. Sand and pea stone are used on unpaved roads as needed. Paved roads are pre-treated with a non-corrosive mixture of magnesium chloride and (of all things!) molasses to lower the freezing point to prevent snow from sticking and ice from forming. Ashford was one of the first Connecticut towns to start using this environment-friendly mixture over 10 years ago, which has also greatly reduced the formation of rust on our trucks.

Speaking of trucks, we have 3 six-wheel dump trucks capable of hauling 8-9 yards of material, 1 ten-wheeler that can haul 14-15 yards (for the North-end of town which always has more snow and ice) and 2 pick-ups with plows -- and 6 very capable drivers. Each dump truck driver plows approximately 16 miles per run. The pickup drivers focus on intersections and smaller areas. In general, plowing is sequenced to clear the more frequently traveled roads first.

I rode with 2 of our drivers as they plowed heavy snow in the dark early on December 17. Visibility was poor and the heat was turned way up in the cabs to reduce ice production on the windshield. Drivers were forced to stop and get out periodically to remove ice from the wipers. I was amazed at how well our drivers threaded their way along our roads as it was virtually impossible to determine where road edges were in areas that do not have mailboxes or road signs. They also had to contend with ice formations on roads from runoff. They knew the dimensions and capabilities of their trucks well and it was impressive to see how expertly they maneuvered them on Ashford's challenging terrain. In all, it was treacherous, mentally and physically exhausting work and the crew worked extremely long hours to get it done.

I was also impressed with how well the crew communicates and works as a team to address problems while under pressure. When 2 of our trucks had to return to the garage for repairs during the storm, they quickly adjusted routes and assignments. Their focus was on clearing the way for all of us.

Kudos to drivers Joe, David, Jordan, Robbie, Casey and Nick, and to Jerry for clearing our roads. Well-done!

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith, First Selectman



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ashford
Town Office Building remains
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
until further notice.

Offices are staffed Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.
8:30am—3:00pm.

You may reach us by: telephone

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fax



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer	860-487-4400
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Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
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Public Works	860-429-6812
Registrar of Voters	860-487-4410
Selectmen's Office	860-487-4400
Sexton	860-487-4400
Social/Youth Services	860-487-4417
Tax Collector	860-487-4411
Town Clerk	860-487-4401
Zoning Enforcement	860-487-4415

JANUARY HOLIDAY HOURS



The Ashford Town Offices
will be closed to observe
New Year's Day
Friday, January 1st

&

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 18th.

The time is
always right
to do what
is right.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

The Ashford Citizen

5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278

*The *Citizen* will be delivered by the 1st of each month (monthly).
*The *Citizen* is made possible by town taxes & advertising, and the production efforts of the Town Clerk's Office.

*Residents and Ashford tax-payers will receive the *Citizen* at no charge (every mailbox and P.O. box). Non-profit groups and **tax-payers** who live out of town should contact the *Citizen* to be put on the "no charge" mailing list. All other parties may receive the *Citizen* for a \$18 per year donation (as of 1/1/2020).

*All items for the *Ashford Citizen* must include submitter's name, address, and telephone number for verification. Items written on behalf of an organization require the signature of an authorized spokesperson. No letters or advertising will be accepted concerning political issues or candidates. All items submitted are subject to editing, and the *Citizen* reserves the right to reject any submissions. Readers should be aware that opinions or articles by individual writers or organizations are not necessarily those of the *Citizen*. The *Citizen* will not print items it regards as offensive or slanderous.

*All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.

*Ads must be **pre-paid**; cash, or check written to **Town of Ashford**.

*The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments and article and advertisement submissions. Call for details.

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FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE:

RE: Special Municipal Election on February 23, 2021 Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots will be available January 22, 2021, but you may apply for one before that date!

At this time, there are NO special accommodations coming from Governor Lamont or the Secretary of the State for this municipal election. Applications will NOT be mailed to you automatically; no deadlines will be extended; and there is NO specific COVID reason to request an absentee ballot. Reasons given for registered electors unable to vote in person are the following: a) military service, b) out-of-town, c) illness, d) physical disability, e) religious beliefs, f) service as an election official in a polling place other than his/her own.

In order to continue our effort to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 the implementation of the following procedures will be in place:

The Town Office Building continues to remain closed to the public. *Applications* for Absentee Ballots may be downloaded from the Town Clerk's page at www.ashfordtownhall.org. Absentee Ballots will be mailed to the applicant following receipt of the application by the Town Clerk. Applications and absentee ballots may be either mailed to the Town Clerk's Office at: Ashford Town Clerk, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278, put in the drop box located at the front door of the Town Office Building. If you have an extenuating circumstance, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, CMC
Ashford Town Clerk

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To qualify you must be 62 years old or disabled and meet required income limits.

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Applications can be found on our website or mailed by request.



Ashford Housing Authority
49 Tremko Lane
Ashford, CT 06278
Tel- (860) 429-8556

Office Hours: T, Th, Fr 9-12



The office is currently closed to the public, please call or visit our website for more information!

Your New Home Awaits

www.ashfordhousing.org



Based on health district contract tracing evidence, disease transmission within our population is largely driven by small gatherings of family members not from the same household, small social gatherings, and some higher risk workplace settings.

The health district continues to urge everyone to avoid gatherings of any size with family and friends outside your household. If this is unavoidable then donning a mask, and maintaining physical separation is critical to preventing disease transmission.



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Ashford Transfers

November 15, 2020 - December 15, 2020

Grantor	Grantee	Conveyance Tax Selling Price	Remarks (Not Warranted)
ANDI CHANG DONOVAN 62 HARTFORD TURNPIKE TOLLAND, CT 06084	JENNIFER ANN DILLON 7 LAKE VIEW DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$700.00 \$280,000.00	LAKE VIEW DRIVE
LAGASSE LIVING TRUST DATED DEC 26, 2013 5925 SE 125 PL BELLEVIEW, FL 34420	HAXEL & TRICIA LOPEZ 147 WESTFORD HILL ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$732.50 \$293,000.00	WESTFORD HILL ROAD
GARY CAYE 28 HILLCREST DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	GARY & MAUREEN CAYE 28 HILLCREST DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$0.00 \$0.00	LAKESIDE DRIVE
BRIAN J QUINN 55 HIGH STREET CHATHAM, NY 12037	KARA HEATHER MCGEE 183 KNOWLTON HILL ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$537.50 \$215,000.00	KNOWLTON HILL ROAD
JOHN H & PATRICIA E FITZGERALD 422 ZAICEK ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	FITZGERALD FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED NOV 422 ZAICEK ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$0.00 \$0.00	ZAICEK ROAD
GEORGIANNA M LIROT 125 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE ARLINGTON, MA 02474	WESTFORD G & ERIN E LIROT 275 ARMITAGE ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$0.00 \$0.00	ARMITAGE ROAD
ANN P LOCICERO 698 CEDAR SWAMP ROAD COVENTRY, CT 06238	NOAH VERTEFEUILLE 30 TURNPIKE ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$212.50 \$85,000.00	TURNPIKE ROAD
LENORA A HAYES 35 OLD ROUTE 44 EASTFORD, CT 06242	ZACHARY AUKERMAN 28 OLD TOWN ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$0.00 \$0.00	ARMITAGE COURT
MARTIN FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 25 2005 310 BECKENHAM LANE WINDSOR, CT 06095	CAROLYN M MARTIN & CLIFFORD MARTIN 58 PROSPECT HILL ROAD EAST WINDSOR, CT 06088	\$0.00 \$0.00	9MAPLE DRIVE
MARTIN FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 25 2005 310 BECKENHAM LANE WINDSOR, CT 06095	CAROLYN M MARTIN & STEVEN MARTIN 58 TIMBER LANE WILLINGTON, CT 06279	\$0.00 \$0.00	FERENCE ROAD
MARTIN FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 25 2005 310 BECKENHAM LANE WINDSOR, CT 06095	CAROLYN M MARTIN & CLIFFORD MARTIN 58 PROSPECT HILL ROAD EAST WINDSOR, CT 06088	\$0.00 \$0.00	FERENCE ROAD
MARTIN FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 25 2005 310 BECKENHAM LANE WINDSOR, CT 06095	CAROLYN M MARTIN & CLIFFORD MARTIN 58 PROSPECT HILL ROAD EAST WINDSOR, CT 06088	\$0.00 \$0.00	FERENCE ROAD
JACK A CHAMPAGNE 64 SECKAR ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	JACK CHAMPAGNE & MEGHAN W CHAMPAGNE 64 SECKAR ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$0.00 \$0.00	SECKAR ROAD
ARLINE M CONROY 3529 SW 8TH CT CAPE CORAL, FL 33914	SCOTT GUERIN 27 AMIDON DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$250.00 \$100,000.00	AMIDON DRIVE
VIANNA BERGSTROM 5613 WEST CROSSMOOR PLACE LECANTO, FL 34461	DIRK P & KATHI L KIDWELL 105 LAKE VIEW DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$405.00 \$162,000.00	LAKE VIEW DRIVE
APPLETON A BARROWS ESTATE 90 ANGELA DRIVE TOLLAND, CT 06084	JOSHUA P LITTELL 286 FERENCE ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$425.00 \$170,000.00	FERENCE ROAD
JEFFREY W SUCH 125 MANSFIELD ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	SEAN R VANZANT & RONICA L PROULX 37 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$587.50 \$235,000.00	BIRCHWOOD DRIVE
MARGUERITE GOULART 46 GRANDVIEW CIRCLE STORRS, CT 06268	36 CANADA LANE ASSOCIATES 166 EASTFORD ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$37.50 \$15,000.00	NORTH ROAD
JOHN A & MARY JUDY HOPKINS 55 JOHN E HORTON BLVD APT 238 HEBRON, CT 06248	JEFFREY W SUCH 125 MANSFIELD ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$918.75 \$367,500.00	MANSFIELD ROAD



From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

I AM AT THE CENTER 9 -3 MON-FRI. 860-487-5122 OR seniorcenter@ashfordtownhall.org

I equate my feelings about the vaccines with what the country must have felt on VE day during WWII. There was victory in Europe. I am elated that there is victory in vaccines. Yet, we still have the Japanese to defeat. We must take the vaccines and defeat the virus. We know that the end is in sight, but there will be many more who will be hospitalized and die. The weight of our fear, regret, anxiety and grief is still with us and will be for some time. I offer grief counseling to any of you who need help as I have this training from my social work degree.

I will take the shots. I do have severe allergies but have spoken with my primary care physician and he recommends it even though I have these allergies. I will get my shots in a medical facility just in case I have a reaction. I strongly suggest any of you who have allergies discuss with your doctor the risks and benefits.

As I submit this article to the Town Clerk for the *Citizen*, there are still many unanswered questions. Perhaps, some will be answered by the first of the new year. Once the shots, both sets, have been administered to the health care workers and the nursing home residents, how will the government determine who is next? We know that those people who are most vulnerable are in the next category, but who determines that vulnerability? Will we need a doctor's note or can we just state that we have underlying health issues such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, or a history of cancer? Will it be vulnerable seniors first and then vulnerable younger people or will all seniors get the shot before younger vulnerables? Where will the shots be given? There is some talk about using pharmacies but until there is enough vaccine for all this may be hard to enforce the vulnerability rules. We have all been taught in kindergarten to wait our turn, but this may be difficult as it is a life or death situation. I would hope that our compassion and conscience will prevail.

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Scout Troop 92

January Newsletter

Ongoing Activities: Scouts enjoyed hiking at Goodwin State Forest in Hampton. To keep things safe, social distancing was practiced.

Scouts met in David Gratton's workshop to fabricate wreaths for donation.

Upcoming events: Scout meetings will be changed to weekends. January meetings will start off on Saturday, January 16th at 10:00 AM, then Sunday January 31st. Meetings will be at various outdoor venues. New members and visitors are welcome. Please wear a mask.

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope that 2021 will be a great year for all of us. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Troop 92 BSA
Ashford/Eastford
Nord Yakovleff Assistant Scout Master
Cory Blanchette Scout Master
Chris Murphy, Assistant Scout Master



Troop 92 Scouts hiking the trail in the Goodwin State Forest in Hampton, Connecticut.

Looking Up Payments for IRS Reporting Purposes

Go to the Town's Website at: www.ashfordtownhall.org

On the right hand side of the page, go to the purple button View & Pay tax bills & click on the icon:



When the box comes up to search by name:

SEARCH BY
Name

Enter the search criteria below:

Enter Last Name then space then 1st Initial (example SMITH J) or Business Name (No comma, & or -)

☐ All ☐ Due Now ☐ Balance Due ☒ IRS Payment Records for Year 2016

type in last name, a space, and then the first letter of the first name. Also, check off the bubble that says IRS Payment Records for the year 2020, and hit Search. When the page comes up, there will be a box on the right side of the page in the second blue bar that says IRS. Check it, and a View IRS button will appear:

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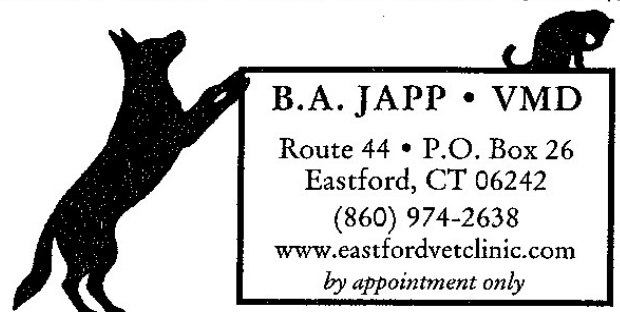
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EASTFORD VETERINARY CLINIC





Leadership Lessons Learned Over the Years, Including Twelve Years in Ashford

By Dr. James P. Longo

At the November 19th Board of Education meeting, I announced that when my current contract ends on June 30th, I will be retiring. I have been the Superintendent for the Ashford School district for twelve years beginning in January 2009. I began as a full time Superintendent, but in 2015, moved to part time. I came to Ashford with thirty-eight years of experience as an educator, mostly in urban settings. I started out as a teacher, and then moved up through many administrative positions over the years, until I became a Superintendent. When you add these twelve years in Ashford, I have completed fifty years on the job! That probably seems like a long time, yet sometimes, I don't feel like I am ready to retire. It is not so easy to let go after so long. I really love the work, and I will miss it.

I thought that writing this article would be my reflections upon the last stage of my career, but I soon realized that it would be better, and more useful, if I passed on some of what I learned since my first teaching job in 1969. My hope is that readers might see themselves in my writing, and that perhaps my experiences would be useful to others and applicable to everyone's life situation.

Leadership is not so different from other aspects of life. What makes a good leader, also makes a good person. It is not a stretch to apply the basics of sound leadership to life in general. I ask that as you read this you consider your situation, and how it might be helpful to you.

First, start every leadership job listening. Going in like you know what other people need and want is arrogant and counterproductive. No one wants to hear your "better" ideas as you come to town. Next, start by building teams, not yourself. You will be pleasantly surprised at how much other people know, and how a team is so much more effective than one individual in most situations. Always be serious about the work; no matter how relaxed and casual you are, remember, people care, and need you to do so as well.

Probably the most important aspect of leadership is empathy and concern for those you are expected to lead. You need to try to help people whenever you can. That is sometimes a difficult path, but it is always rewarding. I learned about caring and empathy by working with some people who just cared about their own power and authority, and were angered by anyone who thought differently than they did. There are people like that everywhere you go. Full of criticism, quick to put people down, cite the rules excessively, and sometimes do so over little things that just are not that important. I am sure you have known someone like that in your life. A natural, "know-it-all" critic, quick with expertise, arrogant and self-assured. It did not take me long to realize that that is no way to be. The best leaders, the best people, are kind and caring.

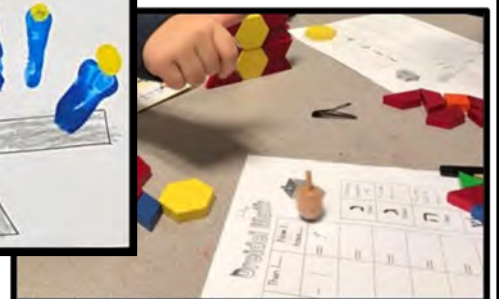
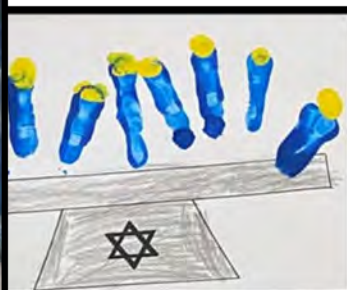
As I am bringing this article to a close, I've become aware that it will take several of these written reflections to complete my thoughts on leadership. So, to wrap today's article up I will touch on change. Leadership often revolves around initiating change. That can be appreciated, but if you are not careful, it can be irritating to those who like things as they are. However, if you initiate change that grew out of teamwork, is based upon listening to those you are expected to lead, is empathetic and caring, and is intended to improve things for your constituents, then how can you fail? I have changed everything in Ashford School. All of which was with the help and contributions of many. And all changes were in the best interest of the students and those around me. Yet the job is never done. Whoever follows me will have their work cut out for them. I will elaborate more next month. I hope this was not so basic that anyone felt it was insulting. I purposely began with the basics, and hope to work toward the more complex.

This month, I'm asking that you to think about listening, teamwork, caring, empathy, and change. I will discuss some more characteristics of sound leadership in my next article.

Happy holidays to all, may you be safe and healthy as we approach the new year.

Ashford School News and Happenings

December looked a little different here this year. However, the teachers and staff did an amazing job making it an exciting month. The students enjoyed exploring all different holidays, traditions and outdoor fun!



Up-Coming School Events

Date	Event	Time
Friday, Jan. 1st	No School	
Monday, Jan. 18 th	No School	



Assistance to Ashford Veterans

IN-PERSON OFFICE HOURS ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Although office visits are currently restricted at the town hall, I encourage you to contact me about any veteran issues and questions you may have. Although it is not ideal, we are able to accomplish a lot by phone and even email. Please do not hesitate if you need help with your veteran issues: garry.brown71@aim.com and 860-928-2309. Always no cost ever for veterans and always confidential.

Veteran Notes:

We provided our last wheel chair recently to a veteran and would like to have a couple on hand for those in need. So if you have a regular or transfer/travel wheelchair you would like to donate, give us a call at 860-928-2309. Thanks, and have a safe and healthy New Year!



COVID-19

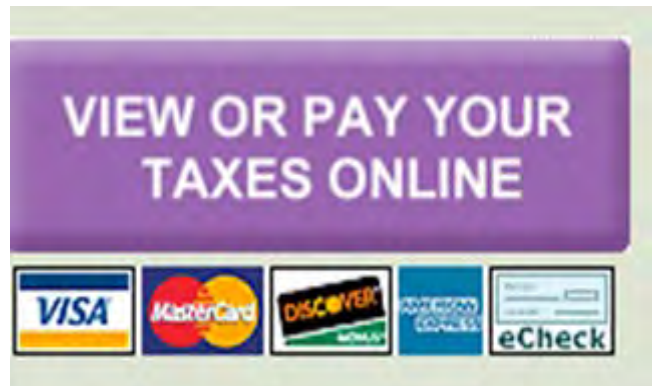
The CDC continues to recommend:

***Wear a Mask!
Social Distancing!
Wash your Hands!***



Go Green: Pay your bills online

Jan. 2021 tax bills on 2nd installment of real estate and personal property bills, and supplemental motor vehicle bills for vehicles registered between Oct. 2nd, 2019 and July 31st, 2020 are due Jan 1, 2021. TOWN OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. All bills are listed on the website and are available for payment if there is a shopping cart next to it. The supplemental file will be uploaded in the middle of December. There is a service fee to pay online. An e-check costs \$.95, the credit card fee is 2.95%. If you use a debit card, you must treat it as a credit card, and the 2.95% fee applies. You can use the system 24/7. You do not need to register, but you need to give an email address in order to obtain a receipt. Go to: www.ashfordtownhall.org. To enter, the portal looks like this:



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Be sure to read the instructions on the reverse side of this ballot, it will help you in voting.

OFFICE →	1 First Selectman Vote for One
PARTY ↓	
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
REPUBLICAN PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1B William A. Falletti
WRITE-IN VOTES →	<input type="radio"/> 1C

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

6:00 AM—8:00 PM

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Rev. Steve Anderson, Pastor
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www.WestfordCongregationalChurch.org
and on Facebook

Sunday service 10:30 a.m.

Beginning December 6, 2020 and until further notice, Sunday services will be live streamed on our Facebook page, Westford Congregational Church.

Please join us.

Galatians 6:2

*"Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfil the law of Christ."*

**Conservative Congregational
Christian Conference**

Ashford Town Budget Calendar

Fiscal Year July, 2021 through June, 2022

Tuesday, February 9: Region 19 Budget distributed to member Towns

Thursday, February 18: General Government Budget presented to BOF by BOS
Capital Improvement Plan presented to BOF by Capital Improvement Committee
BOE provides hard copy of proposed budget to BOF

Thursday, February 25: Ashford School Budget presented to BOF and BOS by BOE

Tuesday, March 23: Region 19 - PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, March 25: BOF Reviews:
-Budget requests requiring additional clarifications
-Region 19 Budget proposed by School Superintendent
-BOS Recommendations

Tuesday, March 30: Region 19 Budget - Adopted by Region 19 BOE

Thursday, April 8: Ashford Town Budget:
- BOF approves proposed Budget
- BOF sets the date and approves Public Hearing notice

Monday, April 19: Town Budget books available to Public

Monday, April 26: Ashford Town Budget - **PUBLIC HEARING**

BOF Special Meeting immediately following Public Hearing
Final Budget adjustments

Monday, April 26: Selectmen set town meeting and referendum dates; an announcement will appear on the town website 4/27/21

Friday April 30: Town Budget Books available to Public

Monday, May 3: Region 19 Budget - Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 4: Region 19 Budget Referendum

Tuesday, May 11: Ashford Town Budget- **ANNUAL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 25: Ashford Town Budget - **REFERENDUM**

This calendar is based on applicable State and Federal restrictions being lifted

Legal Notice

Ashford Tax Collector's Office
taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org
860-487-4411

Notice is given to Ashford taxpayers that the second installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2019 becomes due and payable on January 1, 2021 and is payable without interest penalty through April 1, 2021 **unless** your account is **escrowed thru the bank**, or you are a landlord. Escrowed accounts & landlord accounts without application (form is available online) are due by Feb. 1, 2021.

After Feb. 1, 2021, interest will accrue at 1 ½% per month from the due date of Jan. 1, or a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Hence, during Feb., the interest is calculated at 3%, or the minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.

For the other accounts, the grace period is **deferred thru April 1, 2021**. After April 1, 2021 interest will accrue at 1 ½% per month from the due date of Jan. 1, 2021, hence 6% during April, or a minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest penalty (CGS 12-130).

Payments may be:

Mailed to:

Ashford Tax Collector
P.O. Box 173
Ashford, CT 06278

If a receipt is required, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany your payment. Only Copy B is suggested to accompany payment.

Checks should be made out to **Ashford Tax Collector**.

Payments that are postmarked by the appropriate date are considered on time.

Paid online: www.ashfordtownhall.org

E-check cost is \$.95. Credit cards are 2.95%. Debit cards must be treated as credit cards. Instructions on how to pay are published in the *Citizen* and online on the Tax Collector Page on the website.

Staffed Office Hours are as follows:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Closed for Legal Holiday: Fri. Jan. 1st for New Year's Day, and Mon. January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King Day.

Linda G. Gagne CCMC
Ashford Tax Collector

2nd Notice, dated December 18, 2020 for January *Citizen*

How to PAY Your Taxes Online

1. Go to <http://www.ashfordtownhall.org/> and click this button on the right side of the page,



2. In the search bar enter your last name, space, and first initial.

Ex. Name: John Smith

Enter the search criteria below:

Smith J | Search

3. If there is a shopping cart under the pay section then there is an outstanding balance.



Click that button to add as many bills to your cart as you want

0 BILL(S) - \$0.00

4. Find which bill you want to pay

Ex.

2002-01-37

- 2002 is the **Grand List**

2002-01-37

- 01 is Real Estate
 - 02 is Personal Property
 - 03 is Motor Vehicle
 - 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2002-01-37

- 37 is the bill number

- You **MUST** pay the **OLDEST** bills **FIRST**
 - Oldest **Grand List**

BILL #
2002-01-0000037 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2003-01-0000038 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2004-01-0000040 00004200-LIEN

5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart

Click 0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 and Check Out

6. Read the **Terms and Conditions** before you press

- **Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes**

Pay Now

7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose how you would like to pay. Then press

- **Treat All Debit Cards As Credit Cards**

Continue to Payment Information

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.

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Assessment News

Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA)

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet Tuesday, March 9, 2021 to hear appeal applications received in the Assessor's Office by Friday, February 19, 2021. Appellants will be contacted by mail with the time of their hearing. If necessary, a second hearing date will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Instructions to connect with the BAA virtually will be sent with the appointment letters. Forms are available on the Board's page of the town's website, www.ashfordtownhall.org, under the Documents tab.

The Board will hear appeals of the assessments of motor vehicles on the 2019 Motor Vehicle Supplemental list and personal property, real estate and motor vehicles on the 2020 list.

To Receive a Credit on the Motor Vehicle Tax Bill

If you want to receive a credit for a vehicle you no longer have, you must provide 1) proof of what happened to the vehicle and 2) a returned plate receipt from the CT DMV. **A PLATE RECEIPT ALONE IS INSUFFICIENT.**

THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A CREDIT ON A VEHICLE ON THE 2018 GRAND LIST WAS 12/31/2020.

THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A CREDIT ON A VEHICLE ON THE 2019 GRAND LIST IS 12/31/2021.

Proof of disposal depends on what happened to the vehicle. All documents should include the vehicle's VIN and a date.

1. Registered in another state: proof is a copy of the registration in that state showing the initial date of registration.
2. Sold: proof is a bill of sale
3. Total loss: proof includes a letter from the insurance company indicating the date of loss or a receipt from person hauling the vehicle away for the insurance company.
4. Repossession: proof is a letter attesting to that fact from the repossessing company.
5. Junked: proof is a receipt from the hauler or junk yard.
6. Traded-in: proof is the bill of sale or invoice for the new vehicle showing the car being valued in trade.
7. Stolen: proof is a copy of the police report.

Homeowner's Program for the Low Income Elderly and Disabled Homeowners

In early February, application packets will be mailed to those who have expressed interest in the program. Renewal applications are due every 2 years. The state has not provided guidance yet as to the application process this year due to Covid-19. Last year, the state issued an executive order extending enrollment for those who were supposed to reapply biennially. Please be assured that you will be contacted in a timely manner.

Veterans

Veterans who served for more than ninety days during a time of war or for fewer than 90 days due to disability must record their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk no later than September 30, 2021 in order to receive a minimum 1,500 assessment reduction. Disabled Veterans need to file proof of their VA rating with the Assessor to receive a minimum 3,000 assessment reduction.

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Active Duty Members may be eligible for a veteran's exemption with proof of service as of 10/1/2020.

If you are still Active Duty and have a honorable discharge for prior service recorded in the Town Clerk's office you will be eligible for the motor vehicle exemption and the veterans assessment reduction.

Additional Veterans Exemption

Increased exemptions are available for those who meet the income requirements and the above Veterans criteria. Income limits are \$37,600 for single applicants and \$45,800 for married applicants. VA disability benefits and stimulus payments from the federal government do not count as income. An application and proof of income for the 2020 calendar year must be filed with the Assessor by October 1, 2021. Applications must be made biennially.

If you are 100% VA disabled, the income limit is \$18,000 if single and \$21,000 if married. VA disability benefits, stimulus payments and Social Security income do not count as income.

PA 490 Forest, Farm and Open Space Classification

Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the 2021 Grand List must file an application between September 1, 2021 and October 29, 2021 with the Assessor. Persons seeking to classify land as Forest must also have a complete certified forester's report dated on or before October 1, 2021.

New owners of formerly classified land must file a new application, which becomes effective for the next tax year.

Changes to the original filing (e.g., ownership, use or acreage) must be reported with an updated application.

New PA 490 acreage values were published by the State of CT for 2020. These new values are generally higher than they were in 2015, with the exception of orchards, Tillable A and Tillable B farmland. The new values will be implemented as part of the 2021 revaluation (see below).

PA 490 VALUES

100% VALUE - Statewide

	2015	2020	CHANGE
Tillable A	\$1,960	\$1,880	-4%
Tillable B	1,390	1,280	-8%
Tillable C	670	1,110	66%
Tillable D	460	850	85%
Orchard E	1,390	990	-29%
Pasture F	140	280	100%
Swamp, Ledge, Scrub Lands	40	40	0%
Woodland/Forest Land	240	390	63%
Open Space (Ashford only)	550	550	0%

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The Town of Ashford adopted an ordinance on December 6, 1982 exempting certain vehicles specially adapted for persons with disabilities. The key eligibility criteria are:

- the vehicle must be registered with the CT Department of Motor Vehicles and must most frequently leave from and return to a property located in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut;
- the vehicle cannot be used to transport any individual for payment;
- the vehicle must be inspected by the assessor before the exemption is granted. The assessor may inspect the vehicle at least once every Grand List year but is not required to; and,
- the modifications must have cost at least \$1,000. The sales invoice is typically used to demonstrate this.

Applications are available on the town website, www.ashfordtownhall.org. Click on the Documents tab, then Assessor Documents, and page down to Motor Vehicles.

Revaluation

2021 is a revaluation year for the Town of Ashford. CT General State Statute 12-62 requires the revaluation of all real estate in town every five years. The last revaluation in Ashford was for the 10/1/2016 Grand List.

The town has contracted with eQuality Valuation Services LLC, out of Waterbury, CT. eQuality is the software supplier for the town's real estate database. Property cards are currently available at the website <https://www.propertyrecordcards.com/SearchMaster.aspx?towncode=003>.

More information will be available in future volumes of the Ashford Citizen. All real estate owners will receive a data mailer in the mail in February or March 2021 that lists the characteristics of your property. You will be asked to make any corrections to the information and return the data mailer. Your responses to these mailers take on additional importance this year since interior inspections may be limited due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Questions

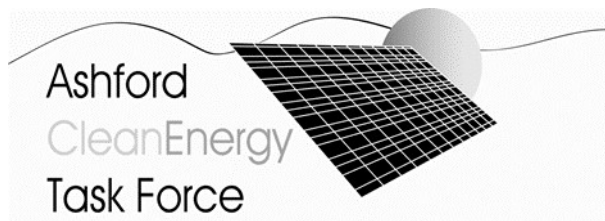
If you have any questions, please call the assessor's office at 860-487-4403 or email assessor@ashfordtownhall.org. Staff are available to the public Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. The town hall is currently closed to the public. If you need to see the Assessor for any reason, please call or email for an appointment.



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January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy year ahead!

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Completed home energy audits will earn a \$25 donation to the Ashford Fuel Bank!

With so many great books and films to choose from, we thought you might enjoy some recommendations from our members, for those cold winter snow days!

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force chose to end 2020 by reading a book together for discussion. We enjoyed The Story of More by Hope Jahren, with thought-provoking sections on how we got to such excess in our society and ideas for reducing our STUFF, in many senses of the word. Good ideas for New Years' resolutions!

Janet suggests: The Great Healing, Five Compassions That Can Save Our World by Stephen Erickson, with Wendell Berry, Joel Fuhrman, M.D., Jo-Anne McArthur, and Alan Lewis. This book is about compassionate activism showing the way to solve our greatest problems with a plan for each.

Tony recommends: Rising (2018) by Elizabeth Rush. About climate and rising oceans along America's coasts. The 2019 ACETF environmental book discussion choice!

Susan recommends: The Sixth Extinction (2014) by Elizabeth Kolbert.
Warning: Guarantees sleepless nights. But read it anyway!

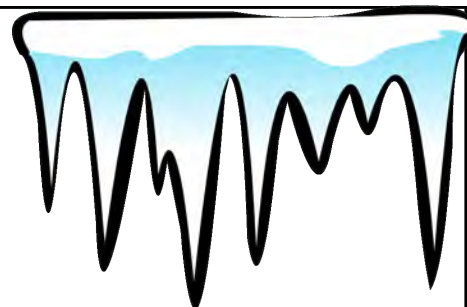
Films: "Chasing Ice" (2012, on Prime) and "Chasing Coral" (2017, Netflix original).
Ocean Blue (2014, Netflix), A Plastic Ocean (2016, Netflix), Brave Blue World: Racing to Solve our Water Crisis (2020, Netflix).

Send us your suggestions for great environmental reads or shows and we'll do a Green Tip on those! Send to sceastwood@yahoo.com.

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work and welcome your input. And we would welcome your participation by joining us as a member. If you have concerns or comments, or to join us, please contact Cindy Moeckel at 860-487-3827 or clmoeckel@gmail.com.

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From the Director's Desk

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When we reopen please adhere to the following:

Our new temporary library hours are listed on the left side; these hours are subject to change. Patrons who wish to use a computer must call the library and schedule a time period. The children's computers are not available. The copier and fax machine are available with staff assistance. We have a new way to pick up your library requests which will be explained when you come in. At this time there are no in-person programs. During this time, some of our collection may not be available for circulation. Book drop pick up is still available for anyone, and is available on Tuesdays when the library is closed to the public.

- ♦ **Proper face covering is required to enter the building; there will be no exceptions to this rule. Anyone 2 and over must wear a face covering, that covers their mouth and nose. If you are unable to wear a face covering please call the library and we will bring your items out to you.**
- ♦ All library material **MUST** be returned to the outside book drop. Do not bring your returned items into the library.
- ♦ Restrooms are not available at this time.
- ♦ Seating isn't available at this time, except when using the computer that you have reserved.
- ♦ No food or drinks are allowed in the library.
- ♦ We have the right to restrict the number of patrons in the building at any given time.
- ♦ Please limit family members to **2** at a time.
- ♦ Please follow the directions given to you when you enter the library, both verbal and directional instructions.
- ♦ Most important: if you are sick, or believe you may have been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home.
- ♦ Please remember not to approach library staff outside the building without a mask on.

Until we see you again, please follow the guidelines set forth by our health and public officials.

Respectfully,
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Storytime Take Home Kits

Please call the library to reserve your Storytime Take Home Kit. Each kit comes with books, poems and / or finger plays, and an art project based on that week's theme.

Take Home Craft Projects

Please call the library to reserve your kit. After the kit is completed, please take a picture of your project and send it to the library through our email babcocklib@gmail.com, and we will post it on our website and Facebook!

Reserve your child's kit by calling the library on Mondays in January. Your child's kit will be ready for pick up on Wednesday. Kits are limited and must be reserved, and are age appropriate for 5 and up.

Recovering from COVID-19 or ending home isolation

It can be stressful to be separated from others if you have or were exposed to COVID-19. Each person ending a period of home isolation may feel differently about it.

Emotional reactions may include:

- ◆ Mixed emotions, including relief.
- ◆ Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones.
- ◆ Stress from the experience of having COVID-19 and monitoring yourself, or being monitored by others.
- ◆ Sadness, anger, or frustration because friends or loved ones have fears of getting the disease from you, even though you are cleared to be around others.
- ◆ Guilt about not being able to perform normal work or parenting duties while you had COVID-19.
- ◆ Worry about getting re-infected or sick again even though you've already had COVID-19.

Other emotional or mental health changes. Children may also have strong emotions if they, or someone they know, has COVID-19, even if they are now better and able to be around others again.

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Notice is given that the Annual Financial Report of the Regional School District #19, Edwin O. Smith High School, for the year ended June 30, 2020 as prepared by the E.O. Smith Finance Department and audited by Blum Shapiro, 20 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT, is on file in the Ashford Town Clerk's Office for public viewing during regular business hours.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut, this 8th day of December, 2020.

Attest: Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, CMC
Ashford Town Clerk

"Lots of people go mad in January. Not as many as in May, of course. Nor June. But January is your third most common month for madness."

Karen Joy Fowler

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Irene D. Bunte	December 10, 2020
Ronald D. Freeman	December 8, 2020
Alyce J. Upton	November 12, 2020
Michael F. Enright	November 23, 2020
Scott R. Hitchcock	October 25, 2020
Beverly Kay Pepin	October 22, 2020
Frederick Raymond Doten	October 7, 2020

Marriages:

Timothy Richard Yousaf	December 16, 2020
Liana Datlof Paris	
Daniel James Wilday	December 7, 2020
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Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

Starting with the tropical storm of early August, we have had several more stormy weather events bringing down trees and power lines. When the fire department is dispatched to one of these incidents, Eversource is typically notified the same time we are. Our job is to secure the area and get details back to dispatch to relay to Eversource, like utility pole number, situation, and exact address. We will stand by at the scene to block traffic until Ashford DPW or CT DOT can set up barricades to close the road. If there is active fire involved, we stay on scene until the power is confirmed out by Eversource and then the fire is extinguished. We will protect property as best we can while operating safely. For large scale outages with multiple incidents, DPW will quickly run out of barricades and CT DOT will be tied up, so we will place caution tape across the road on both sides of the incident and hope for the best. "Hoping for the best" means relying on drivers to respect the cones and yellow tape by finding an alternate route.

Eversource encourages customers to always call and report an outage and most residents don't hesitate to call them when there is an obvious power failure due to a storm. This is helpful to them in locating the source of an outage. But you should also call them if you experience any of the following;

- Brown out conditions (lights dimmer than normal, motors running too slow)
- Over-Voltage conditions (lights brighter than normal, motors running too fast, appliances overheating, fluorescent light fixtures buzzing loudly)
- Fluctuating Voltage – lights that visibly seem to "pulsate"
- One half of the circuits in the electrical panel are dead (entire left or right side out)
- Sparking from outlets, switches, conduits, or electrical boxes (may indicate faulty ground or neutral)

In order to protect appliances or sensitive electronic equipment, turn off your main breaker and report the problems to Eversource. Of course, if any condition creates a fire, evacuate the building and call 911

Happy New Year!

Our call count for November 2020 was 17 Fire/Rescue and 21 EMS. The fiscal year total is 222.

If you have any non-emergency questions or concerns, you may contact Station 20 at (860) 429-9862 6 AM to midnight every day, or the Tolland County Fire Mutual Aid Fire Service at (860) 875-2543 24 hours a day, and they will contact an AVFD duty officer for you.

Dave LaPorte
Captain, AVFD Station 20

Hello from your Recreation Department!

I hope you all enjoyed the "Tour of Holiday Lights." We were delighted with the response, we had 10 homes participate in Ashford and a total of 76 if you include Willington, Mansfield, Tolland, and Coventry. It was a great way to make things festive, share the holiday spirit, give families something fun to do and be safe and socially distanced!

Thank you to all who participated and especially to those who hung

all the lights and illuminated the night in these dark times. ***It Truly Served to Ignite our Holiday Spirit!*** This was our first year for this event and we hope others will join in next year. We saw lots of beautiful displays that were not even on the tour. Recreation Commission members served as judges and took the tour a few days before the storm on 12/17/20. Voting was unanimous, this year's winners were:

Best Traditional The Bowersett's at 33 Zaicek Rd.

Best Animated The Dinglers at 49 Portland Dr.

Best Overall Stephen Hetrick at 85 Nott Highway

Winners received a gift certificate to an eating establishment in town.

Thanks again to everyone who participated and **Best Wishes for 2021!**



The movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* was out last year but if you never got a chance to see it, you should. It's a great movie to share with your family. (PG) Yes, it's about Mr. Rogers who is played by Tom Hanks. These pandemic times have given us all a chance to slow down, be home a lot, and reflect on what is important personally, for our community and our world. This uplifting and inspiring movie will stimulate lots of thoughts on those topics. I believe Fred Rogers is an American treasure. The following is an excerpt from his commencement speech given at Dartmouth College in 2002.

"It's you, yourself, it's you. It's you I like." And what that ultimately means, of course, is that you don't ever have to do anything sensational for people to love you. When I say

it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see, or hear, or touch. That deep part of you, that allows you to stand for those things, without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate. Peace that rises triumphant over war. And justice that proves more powerful than greed. Because deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win, too. Even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then."

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES & BABCOCK LIBRARY

CLOSED THURSDAYS

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES (ATO) 5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT 06278
BABCOCK LIBRARY 25 POMPEY HOLLOW RD, ASHFORD, CT 06278

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING 2021 HOLIDAYS:	
New Years' Day	Fri. Jan. 1
ML King Day	Mon. Jan. 18
Presidents' Day	Mon. Feb. 15
Good Friday	Fri. April 2
Memorial Day	Mon. May 31
Independence Day	Mon. July 5
	New Years' Day 2022
	Fri. Dec. 31
	Fri. Dec. 31

Assessor, Town Clerk,
& Tax Collector Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:30 am-3 pm;

Babcock Library Mon., Tues, Fri. 10 am-6 pm, Wed. 10am-8pm, Sat 9am-2pm

Housing Authority Mon.-Fri. 8-1; Secretary Mon., Wed., Fri. 8-12; 49 Tremko Lane

Land Use Dept. & Mon., Tues, Wed., Fri. 8:30 am-3 pm;

Selectmen's Office

Probate Court

Northeast Probate Court, 508 Pomfret St, Putnam, CT 06260

Mon., Tues, Wed. 8:30-4:30; Th. 8:30-6; Fri. 8:30-3pm

Recreation Dept. Mon. Wed., Fri. 9am-12pm

Senior Center Mon. - Fri. 9am-3pm, 25 Tremko Lane

Social/Youth Services Mon., & Tues., 9am -3pm or by appointment

Transfer Station Wed. 2 - 8 pm, Saturday 8am - 4 pm, Sunday 10am - 4 pm.
Upton Rd. Required stickers available at Selectmen's Office.

Chairpersons

Aging, Commission on:
Agricultural Commission:
Conservation Commission:
Economic Development:
Education, Board of:
Finance, Board of:
Housing Authority:
Inland Wetlands:
Planning & Zoning:
Recreation Commission:
Zoning Board of Appeals:

Carole McCarthy 429-6355
Art Talmadge 429-3923
Loretta Wrobel 429-2629
Richard S. Williams 429-5156
John Lippert 429-9199
Charles Funk 429-8510
Brian Folker 429-5727
Leonard Liguore 487-3629
Jeff Silver-Smith 487-6219

Keith Lipker 429-3061

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Ambulance/Fire/Police (Emergency) Dial 911

Fire Department (Routine) 429-9862

State Police, Troop C Tolland (Routine) 896-3200

Agent for the Elderly, Kit Eves 487-5122

Animal Control Officer, Christine Abikoff 487-4402

Assessor, Kara Fishman 487-4403

fax 487-4430

Babcock Library, Carolann MacMaster 487-4420

fax 487-4438

Building Dept, James Rupert, Official 487-4404

Burn Permits Call Fire Dept. 429-9862

Finance Dept., Cheryl Baker 487-4405

Fire Marshal, Richard Whitehouse 429-6222

Health Dept. -EHHD, Lynette Swanson R.S. (Mansfield) 429-3325

Housing Authority, Jessica Miller, Dir. fax 487-4500

Housing Rehab, Peter Huckins 487-4407

456-0782 or
fax 487-4430

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses 487-4414

Wetlands Officer, Joseph Theroux 376-6842

Planning & Zoning fax 487-4430

Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael D'Amato 487-4415

Post Office (Ashford) 429-8804

Probate Court, Leah Schad, Probate Judge 928-4844

Public Works, Joseph Kalinowski, Road Foreman 429-6812

Recreation Dept, Sheryl York, Dir. fax 487-4430

Registrar of Voters Office - Wed. Evenings 7-9 PM 487-4410

Dem. Lauren Olson 487-0305 Rep. Colleen DePercio 487-3603

Selectmen, Cathryn E. Silver-Smith 1st Select. fax 487-4430

Senior Center, Kit Eves, Dir. 487-5122

Sexton, James Reviczky 429-9576

Social/Youth Services, Melissa McDonough 429-6419(school) or 487-4417

Tax Collector, Linda G. Gagne fax 487-4430

Town Clerk, Sherri L. Mutch fax 487-4430

Transfer Station, Charles Busse 429-3409

Tree Warden, James Campiformio 429-0582 or 429-8547

Ashford School Principal's Office 429-6419

Superintendent's Office 429-1927

E.O. Smith High School, Region 19 487-0877

Windham Technical High School 456-3879

Congressman Joe Courtney, 2nd District 860-240-8500

Senator Dan Champagne, 35th District 860-684-4878 or Hartford 800-842-1421

Representative Tammy Nuccio, 53rd District 1-800-842-1423 or 860-240-8700

TOWN WEBSITE

www.ashfordtownhall.org

MEETING SCHEDULES FOR TOWN AGENCIES FOR THE YEAR 2021 AS FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. ALL MEETINGS MONTHLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

AGENCY	MEETING DATE	MEETING PLACE / TIME
Aging, Commission on	1 st Monday monthly, No meetings July & August	Earl W. Smith Senior Center - 10:00 AM
Agriculture Commission	3 rd Thursday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112- 7:30 PM
Ashford Our Town Our Future	3 rd Tuesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112-7:30 PM
Assessment Appeals, Board of	March 9th, 16th and September 7th, 16th	Ashford Town Offices, 6pm
Conservation Commission	3 rd Monday monthly, except 3 rd Wed. Jan. 20 th & Feb. 17 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:00 PM
Eastern Highlands Health District	3 rd Thurs. Jan. 21 st ; Feb. 18 th ; Apr 15 th ; June 17 th ; Aug 19 th ; Oct 21 st & 2 nd Thurs Dec. 9 th	Coventry T Hall Annex 712 Main St-4:30pm
Economic Development Commission	4 th Wed. monthly, Except 3 rd Wed. Nov. 17 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 112 – 7:30 PM
Education, Board of	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays monthly	Ashford School – 7:00 PM
Education District #19, Board of	1 st Tuesday monthly	EOS High School Media Center - 7:30 PM
Finance, Board of	Thursdays: Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr. 8, 22; May 13, 27; June 10, 24; July 8, 22; Aug. 12, 26; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 9	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 – 7:00 PM
Housing Authority	2 nd Tuesday monthly	Pompey Hollow Housing - 7:30 PM
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission	1 st Tuesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 - 7:00 PM
Library Board of Trustees	4 th Tuesday monthly	Babcock Library Reading Room - 2:30 PM
NECCOG	4 th Friday monthly, except Fri., Nov. 19 th & Dec. 10 th	125 Putnam Pike, Dayville – 8:30 AM
Parks & Recreation Commission	3 rd Monday monthly, except Jan. 11 th and Tues. Feb. 16 th	Ashford Town Offices, APRC Rm– 7:00 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission	2 nd Monday monthly, except 2nd Tues. Oct. 12 th	Ashford Town Offices, Rm 104 - 7:00 PM
Selectmen, Board of	1 st & 3 rd Monday, Tues. following Mon. holiday	Ashford Town Offices, 7:00 PM
Zoning Board of Appeals	2 nd Wednesday monthly	Ashford Town Offices – 7:00 PM

TIMES & PLACES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE VERIFY BEFORE MEETING (860-487-4401)

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www.ashfordtownhall.org and read the *Ashford Citizen*.



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Willow Valley Farm



Our Mission

To promote and provide support to all businesses within the Towns of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford
To act as a collective resource of business information and education
To create awareness of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford business within the community
To address common business issues within Town governments

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