

Zoning Board of Appeals: Five members, three alternates. Meets on second Wednesdays. Rules on citizen appeals to decisions made by Planning & Zoning Commission.

Babcock Library Board of Trustees: Six members. Meets on fourth Tuesdays at the Library. Board hires Library Director; plans and supervises library programs, services, and activities; writes governing policies; prepares budget requests for Board of Selectmen; administers annual town grant (which comprises 95% of library budget) as well as separate endowments and special purpose accounts.

Useful Town Phone Numbers

Ambulance/Fire/Police	Dial 911
Ashford Fire Department (routine)	860-429-9862
State Police, Troop C Tolland	860-896-3200
First Selectman, Michael Zambro	860-487-4400
Agent for Elderly, Jean Haines	860-429-1470
Animal Control, Chris Abikoff	860-487-4402
Assessor, Kara Fishman	860-487-4403
Babcock Library	860-487-4420
Building Dept. Michael Gardner	860-487-4404
Burning Officer, Arthur Taylor	860-429-9411
Finance Dept., Laura Andert	860-487-4405
Fire Marshall, Richard Whitehouse	860-429-6222
Health Dept., Geoffrey Havens	860-429-3325
Housing Authority, Jessica Miller	860-429-8556
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Wetlands Officer, Joseph Theroux	860-376-6842
Planning & Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Gardner	860-487-4415
Post Office Ashford	860-429-8804
Probate Court, Judge Leah Schad	860-923-2203
Public Works Department Road Foreman Joseph Kalinowski	860-429-6812
Recreation Dept., Sheryl York	860-487-4409
Registrar of Voters Office Colleen Depericio	860-487-0305
Sue Cowen, deputy	860-487-3603
Senior Center, Sheila Grady	860-487-5122
Sexton, James Reviczky	860-429-4748
Social/Youth Services Melissa McDonough	860-487-4417
Tax Collector, Linda Gagne	860-487-4411
Town Clerk, Sherri Mutch	860-487-4401
Tree Warden, James Campiformio	860-429-8547

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Town Government



Elected Boards and Commissions

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Interested and committed citizens are always needed to serve on Ashford's town boards and commissions. With the exception of the Board of Selectmen, all positions described below are held by volunteers.

Town government elections are held every two years on odd-numbered years. Persons who wish to run for office should contact the Chair of their preferred political party to make their intentions known. The Co-Chairs of the Democratic Town Committee are Susan Eastwood and Janet Bellamy. The Chair of the Republican Town Committee is William Falletti.

Each party nominates candidates at a caucus held early in the summer of election year. Municipal elections are held in early November.

Connecticut state law limits the number of seats a political party can hold: for example, on a board of six members the maximum is four; on a board of three members the maximum is two.

Here is a list of elected town Boards and Commissions, along with a brief description of their respective duties.

Meetings are held in the evenings in the Town Office Building in Warrenville unless otherwise noted.

Board of Selectmen: Three members. Meets twice a month on first and third Mondays. First Selectmen acts as the town "CEO." The Selectmen hire town government employees, supervise and direct town government activities, prepare budget recommendations for the Board of Finance and enter into contracts on behalf of the town.

Board of Finance: Six members, three alternates. Meets on Thursdays twice a month January through June, once a month thereafter. Conducts hearings and prepares town budget for voter approval. Sets tax rates in time for June 30 tax bills. Hires town auditor, follows-up auditor recommendations; publishes annual Town Report.

Board of Assessment Appeals: Three members, two alternates. Meets in March to hear appeals related to assessment of real estate, motor vehicles and personal property, and in September for motor vehicle appeals only. Appeals and requests for a hearing must be filed in writing by February 20.

Forms are available from the Assessor's Office.

Board of Education: Seven members. Meets on Thursdays mostly twice a month at the Ashford School. Hires Superintendent and Principal, sets policies for day-to-day administration. Prepares budgets for voter approval and administers annual budget received from the town.

Region 19 Board of Education: Twelve member board with four elected from Ashford. Meets on first Tuesdays at E.O. Smith High School in Mansfield. Hires Superintendent and Principal, sets policies for day-to-day administration of the regional High School. Prepares budgets for Regional approval.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Nine members, three alternates. Meets on second Mondays. Writes and approves zoning regulations, issues zoning permits for lot design including buildings and drive-ways for both commercial and private development. Periodically updates the town plan of development which establishes the zones for commercial, residential and agricultural use.