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## Davis stresses importance of building permits to Ashford residents

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With some residents in the Town of Ashford starting building projects without the proper permits, Supervisor Charles Davis discussed the ongoing issue within the Ashford Town Board at the Dec. 11 meeting.

The Town of Ashford provides necessary information and permit applications on the town website, but Davis said some residents in the town have started projects without the necessary permits. Davis and Code Enforcement Officer Larry Feldman discussed the issue with the board and what could be done in the future to help show people everything that is needed before a building project.

“The biggest problem that [Feldman] has is that people start houses or garages ... and don’t even bother to check to see if they need a permit,” Davis said. “[Feldman] puts all the permits on the website ... but how do we get people to pay attention. I’m looking for solutions on how we can better tell people what they need.”

Feldman reported that he has contacted other surrounding towns to see how they have handled situations with building permits. Putting additional information on the website and in the newspaper is something Feldman suggested the town do to help inform people.

“It’s getting better but it’s still not where it should be,” Feldman added. “I think what we are going to have to do is before Spring comes is put something in the [Springville] Journal ... put it online the things people might not realize they need permits for and those sorts of things to give people a heads up.”

## Bond thanks highway department for help with tree lighting

In other board news: – Randy Glenn from The Evans Agency made a presentation of the insurance quote comparisons for the town. The board approved Davis to review the insurance quotes and select the company reflecting the best value.

– Councilwoman Jean Bond thanked the highway department for their help putting up the tree and preparing it for the annual tree lighting event that was held on Dec. 6.

– **New York State Energy Research and Development Agency West Valley Program** Director Paul Bembia reported 16 deer were harvested during hunting season this year at the **Western New York Nuclear Service Center** in West Valley.

The town board’s year-end meeting for 2019 will be Monday, Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The 2020 organizational meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, in West Valley.