

Assessor's monthly report for January 2022

During the month of January the Sullivan County Assessor's Association cancelled their meeting due to the Omicron Covid outbreak.

I have received some calls about tax bills. The usual calls about the market value printed on the bills no longer seems to be a major issue. Before the usual complaint was that the property could no way be worth that much. The sales from 2020 have shown a sharp increase in sale prices that the market value number looks now low. The figures from New York State have recently been received lowering our level of assessment from 51% to 38.5% for 2022. This is a huge jump, but seems to reflect what has happened to sale prices during 2019 and 2020. It appears that this has happened to most towns in Sullivan County and most likely will not cause a large shift in taxation for districts in multiple towns such as school districts and county levies. This shift will also increase the market value figures (the calls will start again!).

As it looks like I will be continuing doing my work at home, I spent some time rearranging my work space to include a new two drawer file that should allow me to keep all the construction and change of value data easily accessible along with giving me a larger area for the chair and computer work spaces. More still has to be done on this as I start work on the 2022 tentative roll and the data collection process.

Respectfully submitted,

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