

TOWN OF COPEN
ASSESSOR REPORT
LYNN C. HOTALING
FEBRUARY 2023

- Processed (10) sales for the month of FEBRUARY 2023
- Processed (6) Building Permits and (8) COs from Building Inspector
- Processed (3) maintenance notifications from Columbia County Mapping (these include any of the following each month: acreage changes per deeds or surveys filed, splits, mergers, boundary line adjustments).
- It looks like our equalization rate for 2023 will be 72%.
- Continued processing exemption renewals for 2023 as well as new exemptions
- Update on Senior Citizen Exemption: We had **many, many** calls, emails, and questions on this exemption. Many seniors applied, and some did qualify and I have processed those new exemptions for 2023. Many did not qualify due to the income cap being only \$37,400.
- Continue to update mailing address changes from owners, school Tax Collector, town Tax Collector, county Treasurer
- *Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers Exemption:* The county, most towns as well as schools have offered this exemption for many years. The current law offers a 10% reduction (on assessed value) **up to a maximum of \$3,000** for purposes of property and school taxes. Recently, Governor Hochul signed a new law eliminating the cap of \$3,000. Most towns and schools did not change their laws for 2023 as the County Director of Real Property is gathering numbers and information to present to the Board of Supervisors on the potential impact of changes to the law. We anticipate the County BOS will make a decision on this for 2024, and then each town and school will also have to decide on any change they will make to the exemption. Will let you all know when I get more information from the county.

Lynn C. Hotaling
Assessor

March 7, 2023
Date