

City of Rockland

Assessing Department

Mission Statement

Assist the general public in an efficient and courteous manner and to assess properties equitably so that all taxpayers are paying their fair share of the tax burden.

Previous Year's Highlights

- The department started the year off requesting funds to implement a neighborhood review. During the process of requesting bids, Vision came forward with a minimum bid of \$5,000 to update the downtown Main Street neighborhood. This was about 60 to 70 parcels that ended up with new assessments for the 2012 tax bill. This update brought the downtown neighborhood in line with the rest of the City.
- Update the Vision software for the 2013 tax bill period. The enhancement allows for documentation in pdf format to be attached to an individual parcel in real estate and personal property. This is very useful when reviewing the property with the taxpayer. You can attach subdivision plans, deeds, photos and other files as needed.
- Dawn has entered a lot of the owner history information in Vision. When the revaluation was done, they did just the current owner. They would have done the prior history at a cost, but at the time it was felt that it could be done in-house. This is helpful information for City Hall and for the taxpayers using the City's website.

Goals & Objectives

- Update the GIS program for Code and Assessing departments.
- Print new tax maps for the public counter. Those on the website are the current ones.
- Review all neighborhood sales for inequities.

5-year Goals and Objectives

- Conduct a city-wide update of residential, industrial, commercial properties, to ensure the equality across the different use types. After the past economic down swing, I feel that the quality rating of the assessments may be out of line with the State standard.