

Donna Conkling

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Hi Mayor & BOT,

By now you've hopefully seen the article I posted in Scarsdale10583.com but I'd like to be sure it's entered into the public record (thus I am CCing Donna). I therefore am attaching the article as a Word document.

The conclusion of this analysis is as important:

These statistics matter a great deal because they deeply affect our pocketbooks, our sense of fairness, and they change over time. The public needs to be shown this information and probably more, on a regular basis and next time preferably not by a private citizen, but by Village staff. We need to publicly monitor the health of the current assessment, and together understand when new revaluations are required.

I come to this work solely as a resident who is able to perform what I think is a necessary service, on behalf of us all, without predisposition as to what is right nor wrong, and with any and all prior biases revealed in the analysis itself. I feel this analysis is necessary as a direct result of what I learned from the experience in 2016, that an open analysis infrastructure needs to be created and continually exercised, so that we (staff, residents, BOT) can together appreciate the state of our tax assessment. It is my hope that the service I've rendered be adopted on an institutional basis, either by paid statistical consultants - I might add, at what I feel would be a reasonable cost - or by the Village enabling a voluntary body of qualified individuals to do so.

Regards,
Lee Fischman