

TAX COLLECTOR

The tax rate for fiscal 2005 has been set at \$15.62 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Although reassessments allowed for a drop from the fiscal 2004 rate of \$17.44 per thousand, property values were increased by an average of approximately 18%. The new rate was applied to the higher assessments resulting in a tax increase for most home owners. I'd like to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. Some may find that they qualify and this exemption can certainly help to ease their tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2004:

Real estate:	6,526,825.32
Community Preservation:	29,460.73
Personal Property:	217,290.55
Motor Vehicle:	678,860.49
Interest and charges:	34,657.55
Total:	7,487,094.64

Respectfully Submitted:

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