ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

TOWN OF FREMONT

HOLLEY LYNNE SMALT, ASSESSOR

Town Hall 8217 Cream Hill Road Arkport, New York 14807

Telephone: (607) 454-8454

Dear Property Owner:

Pursuant to Section 511 of the Real Property Tax Law, you are hereby advised that the preliminary assessment shown on the enclosed notice will become the assessment for your property on the tentative assessment roll to be filed on or before May 1, 2023. Your new assessment is based on the current market value of your property. This notice includes hypothetical town and county taxes for comparison purposes and does not include school or special district charges.

The first time your new assessment will be used to determine taxes will be in September 2023 for school taxes and January 2024 for county/town taxes.

If you are satisfied with your new assessment, as shown on the notice, no action is necessary. If you have any questions about your assessment, you may schedule an appointment to discuss your assessment at (607) 454-8454, March $6^{th} - 10^{th}$ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The assessment disclosure hearing will be held at the town hall, 8217 Cream Hill Road, Arkport, during the weeks of March 13^{th} , March 20^{th} , and March 27^{th} .

The purpose of scheduling informal hearings is to provide you with the opportunity of reviewing the tentative assessment placed on your property. If this is income producing property, please bring copies of income and expense statements to leave with the assessor. No value changes will be made at the informal hearing but all information you supply will be considered and you will be notified, by mail, of the results of your informal meeting.

After the results of the informal meeting, if you are in disagreement with your assessment, you may file a formal written grievance with the Town's Board of Assessment Review, which will meet on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – noon and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Fremont Town Hall. A publication titled, "Contesting Your Assessment in New York State" containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's Office or the New York State Tax and Finance Office website <u>www.tax.ny.gov</u>.

Assessment updates, verification of property inventories, and the informal hearing process are all important steps in the improvement of real property tax administration. I would like to express my appreciation to all property owners for their cooperation in this endeavor.

Holley Lynne Smalt Assessor, Town of Fremont