

## **TAXES issues in Washington County: COMMENTS**

Taxes are rising way too fast in WC as the state population moves up the coast. If we have to pay the same for gasoline, food, and taxes; employers have to realize that they have to provide a reasonable base pay and benefits!

The taxpayers of this county can't sustain any additional taxes. The concept of one community is admirable but to whose benefit and at what cost?

How much is this costing the taxpayer?

Real estate taxes way too high.

Less gimmicks, more jobs. Less taxation Dumbed down learning runs rampant, today's children have no discipline, no sense of adversity. Axiom/Medical "Professionals" are quite literally a joke!

1.) "Buy Local" theme I/we certainly look to buy local grown produce. Recently I purchased vine ripened tomatoes for \$1.49 lb. local grown were \$3.49 lb. the extreme price stopped me from purchasing local grown. 2.) Low taxes is based on what we paid in NJ compared to here, not based on the burden taxes have on Mainers born in Maine and working in Maine.

If property taxes are not lowered as soon as the real estate market stabilizes - there will be a rush to get out of here!

County taxes are way too high!

I'm concerned about the high property taxes and fewer jobs pushing people to have to sell their homes and preventing young couples from staying in or coming to the community to live

1. Taxes are too high! 2. Trash pick up must be done in Trescott. Taxes paid for it. The County dropped the ball on trash pick up 3. Stronger enforcement of environmental laws, including clam diggers. 4. Tax money must NOT go to Cobscook Community Learning Center, was Commissary Point Rd upgraded to benefit CCLC? Paid for by our tax money?

Do something to get property taxes under control. They are way out of hand and make it hard for the elderly and poor to pay for.

We have the highest tax rate - anywhere! Yet we have little service, infrastructure improvement and a dying city. We are overloaded with administration salaries with a goal to promote their own agenda rather than the needs and desires of the community.

All proposals to result in property tax reduction benefit our low population numbers.

Taxes are outrageous - I think all 100% disabled vets have given enough to our country, our community and our neighbors - we should be exempt from paying property taxes. Period! Our country is ungrateful for our sacrifices! Calais taxes are a rip-off! And Calais can't even keep the dump open everyday! I'm looking forward to selling my home and going back to Aroostook County.