

**Resume Public Hearing held March 10, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Michael Marnell

**Councilpersons:** Roger Friedman, Don Sage, Meg Wood and Clara Phibbs

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Jay Phibbs, Richard Schoenstadt, Rosemarie Ritson, Dick Newell, Marcia Hartwell, Analise and Merritt Hulst, Fran Filshie, Mark Granger, Jane and Robert Claus and Helene Vanderburgh

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

Supervisor Marnell asked the Town Clerk, Patricia Savarie, to read the Public Notice.

**TOWN OF SCHROON TO RESUME PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, has scheduled **TO RESUME** a Public Hearing to receive public input on the franchise application submitted by Slic Network Solutions to provide cable television services to the residents of the Town. The hearing shall be held on Monday, **March 10, 2014 at 5:00P.M.** at the Town Hall located at 15 Leland Ave. Schroon Lake, New York. This agreement, if approved, shall not take effect without prior approval of the New York Public Service Commission. A copy of the franchise agreement is on file at the Town of Schroon Town Clerks office and can be viewed during normal business hours at the following location: 15 Leland Avenue Schroon Lake NY. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the Resumed Public Hearing. Following the Public Hearing there will be a **Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.**

**Public Participation**

Rich Schoenstadt stated that he would like to commend the Broadband Committee on their great achievement. Rich looked at all the surveys sent back to get some feed back and found a lot of interesting comments. Rich feels they are not ready for a decision on this and the Broadband Committee should meet again to go over some of Rich's ideas on getting better coverage. Councilman Sage agreed and would like to thank Rich for looking over the 600 letters that came in and we are in agreement and should put everything on hold and set up a date to meet with Rich to go over the changes to the map.

Supervisor Marnell stated that he was thinking about the Franchise Fee and thought that maybe the Town could take out a Bond to pay for it and get the money back from the franchise fees until it is paid off. With the revenue that Time Warner Cable received from Cable T.V. In 2013 1% would be \$4,196.00, 2% would be \$8,392.00, 3% would be \$12,588.00, 4% would be \$16,784.00 and 5% would be \$20,980.00. All customers would pay so it would be fair and that way we could get everyone hooked up that wanted it.

Robert Claus asked if the Town of Schroon could put in a franchise fee at anytime and amend

the agreement to start and stop the fee. Supervisor Marnell stated yes, as long as it is agreeable to both parties and to make sure the contract is written up that way so that they can amend it.

Dick Newell stated that he thought it was a very fair approach and treats everyone in the town the same, so that we can get the rest of the taxpayers connected to cable.

Supervisor Marnell stated that the committee will meet with Rich and then Phil to make decisions and the meeting will be publicly advertised. Supervisor Marnell closed the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.