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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

November 8, 2018

To: Village Residents
From: Mayor Jean Thatcher
Trustees William Burdo; Leland Deane; Jennifer Hubbell;
George Patsis; Hilary Rolih; Matthew Strunk

Re: Telecommunications

Recent reports in the press have highlighted both the efforts of telecommunications companies to enter and establish a presence in residential areas of the Long Island market, and the resistance that has ensued as municipalities try to control the process.

It is important to know that the 1996 Federal Communications Act and recently proposed federal regulation are *extremely* favorable to the telecom industry. For instance, attempts to block equipment installation based upon health concerns have been legally pre-empted, effectively restraining local control. That said, there exist methods by which a municipality can put order to the process, and establish a way to address the aesthetic, environmental and financial impacts of installation efforts.

The Village is in the process of adopting a comprehensive ordinance regarding telecommunications which is designed, to the fullest extent possible, to achieve these ends. The proposed ordinance is posted on the Village website (www.lloydharbor.org).

With regard to the Crown Castle application currently before the Village, we are in negotiations in an effort to balance the Village's aesthetic and other interests with Crown Castle's federally supported attempts to enter the Long Island market. We will keep you informed as to progress.