

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
Broadband Internet Service**

**February 6, 2008**

An Informational Meeting for members of the Town of Genoa, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on February 6, 2008

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Brenda Tyrrell
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Peggy Bradley
	Lorie Fessenden	Scott Davis
	Ken Manzari, Council Member	Steve Eicker
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Chuck Bartosch
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Stuart with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Informational Meeting was held to discuss a possible Broadband Internet Service for the Town. Peggy started the meeting with an overview of the State's desire to have everyone in the State hooked up to the internet. Peggy, Scott and Steve have formed a Broadband Initiative to find out how much interest there is in the Town for this service. They distributed surveys throughout the Town and, as of this date, have received 100+. They spoke to various ISPs and found that Clarity Connect, from Ithaca, was the most receptive to their idea. Chuck, from Clarity Connect, has submitted a grant to the State for set-up costs which would total approximately \$185,000. Each home would have a wireless connection to one of 7 towers constructed throughout the area.

An engineering firm did a map that showed only 20 homes in the area would be without access to the towers but Chuck stated that this can be remedied.

The cost to each home would be \$149 set-up fee and \$29.95 per month, paid one year in advance (\$360). An antenna would be placed outside the home (this is Clarity Connect property) and a router (purchased by the homeowner) would be connected to the computer to pick up the wireless signal. There are no bandwidth limitations and tech support would be available Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chuck mentioned that there could be 3 time constraints: Grant approval; signed leases for the towers and arrival of the new equipment. If all goes as planned, the internet could be available in a few months.

It was noted, during the gathering of information, that there are more than 63 businesses in the Town of Genoa.

Plan B would be used in case the grant is not approved. It involves willing individuals contributing to the \$185,000 needed for startup.

Those still wanting to submit surveys can send them to PO Box 361, King Ferry. Any questions can be directed to [salmoncreek@gmail.com](mailto:salmoncreek@gmail.com)

The meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.