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# TOWN HALL



WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN LEMONDES TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX

## THURSDAY, MAY 4TH AT 7PM AT THE SKANEATELES FIRE STATION

### WHAT IS THE ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX?

It is a fee added to the bill at all lodging facilities, for stays less than 30 days. You have likely often paid a similar fee in other locations throughout New York and in other states. It is passed through by the businesses to the municipality, and it costs the businesses nothing. The Village and Town are proposing a 5% rate, which would be \$10 on a \$200 bill. It is estimated to generate \$400,000 in revenue each for the Village and Town, totaling about \$800,000 annually.

### WHY ARE WE PURSUING THIS?

It will provide much needed additional revenue and will ease the tax burden on our residents. The volume of visitors to Skaneateles requires extra services and increases our expenses, which are currently paid for by the taxpayers. The additional funding would be used for infrastructure improvements and continued maintenance to our parks and public spaces, reducing the cost to taxpayers.

### HOW DO WE GET THIS DONE?

The NYS Senate and Assembly must authorize Home Rule Authority, with bills introduced by our local state senator and assembly member. When granted that authority, the Village and Town will each introduce a local law and hold a public hearing, followed by a vote on the proposed law. We have support from Senator Rachel May's office. We also need the support of Assemblymember John Lemondes.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Attend our Town Hall meeting with Assemblymember John Lemondes on May 4th at 7:00pm at the Fire Station. Attendees will have a chance to speak about the proposed fee. If you're not able to attend, please send your comments to your Town and Village representatives so that they can be read into the record. Share this information with your friends and neighbors.

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