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ABMI Bolsters Supply of Hi-Def Cameras With Purchase of Card-based JVC-HM600U



Card-based tapeless video cameras are now standard in the world of public access television, with ABMI having purchased hi-def cameras in the past few years produced by Sony, Canon, and JVC. Just recently the Board of Directors approved a request by Station Manager Patrick Fleming (left) for the purchase of the JVC-HM600U, which records to an SD card and boasts other features that place it at the top of the current prosumer line. The new camera will serve mostly for location shoots as opposed to studio work.



Circa 1985 Electric Panels Replaced; Board Approves Purchase of New Camera

At the March 5 meeting of the ABMI Board of Directors, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a new JVC camera at a cost of \$3,000 including accessories. Station Manager Patrick Fleming told the Board the camera is similar to a two others that the studio owns. Fleming said the previous JVC models were purchased for around \$2,800.

Board Secretary Earl Pearlman made the motion to accept Fleming's request for the new camera with tripod and accessories. Board Member Diane Mela Souvanna seconded.

In other business, Souvanna asked about the item in the January 2015 Secretary's Report concerning the Mendon video advisor post. Pearlman explained that there is no person at BHS with the appropriate A-V background so Production Coordinator Jeff Paul goes down to the school every week to help out.

Pearlman asked whether ABMI pays taxes. Fleming said ABMI is exempt from some taxes because it is a nonprofit, though sales taxes and such must be paid. Fleming said he sits down annually with the Board Treasurer and an accountant to fill out the tax forms.

Fleming said the recent checks from Comcast and Verizon have been deposited.

Fleming told the Board that the electrical panels had to be replaced after a switch popped and the panel started smoking. The electrical service said the panels were from 1985 or so and not up to code.



Pearlman asked whether the studio had a generator. Fleming said no.

Board President Tracy Aicardi asked who did the service call. Fleming said Bellingham Northeast Electric.

Pearlman asked whether the SHINE program was a one-time episode. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said it is a series focussing on issues concerning Medicare and Medicaid.

Fleming told the Board that he purchased new software to update the editing in Final Cut X. This addressed the problem of incorrect aspect ratio on the outputted videos.

Aicardi asked whether the heat had been working well at the studio since the last repair. Fleming said everything has been fine with the system.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at 6:15 p.m.

Bhadouria of BHS Collects \$1,000 ABMI-TV Scholarship

Aishwarya Bhadouria, a 2014 graduate of Bellingham High School, recently collected the \$1,000 ABMI scholarship upon successful completion of her first semester at Northeastern University. The 2015 scholarship applications are now available at local high schools.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

Noon & 8pm
Theresa's Real Estate Review

3pm & 7pm BHS Hockey

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6pm - Vic-
tory Assembly of God

1:30pm & 9pm - Belling-
ham-Mendon Veterans
Oral History Project

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd
Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 8pm
All Politics is Local

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Real Es-
tate Roundtable

10pm - The Dun-
geon of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11

Recent Activity at the ABMI-TV Studio

Linda Trudeau welcomed Sgt. Ed Guzowski of the Bellingham Police Association for the St. Patrick's Day-themed *Something Special* recorded Feb. 26.



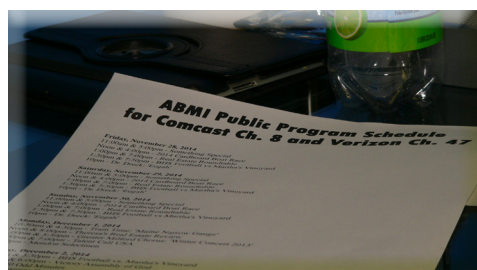
In The Spotlight host Don Keller (far right) chats with sportswriter Ken Hamway (left) and Tim Huranga of Planet Fitness at the Jan. 7 taping. Below, Host Theresa Sannicandro interviews Amy Tomaiolo of Drew Mortgage for *Theresa's Real Estate Review* Jan. 22.

Members of the South Bellingham Tiger Cub Pack 18, Den 3 visited the studio Jan. 29 for a tour directed by Production Coordinator Jeff Paul.



A Cub Scout from Den 3 hams it up in front of green screen during tour Jan. 29

Winter Schedule Features BHS Girls Basketball



Early winter saw the addition of Bellingham High School Girls Basketball to the ABMI programming lineup. Produced by Frank Martinez, the coverage highlighted a run through the playoff postseason with wins against Sutton and Tynsboro before a loss to Hoosac Valley in the State semifinal. Martinez also covered BHS Boys Basketball.

ABMI MENDON

**PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8
PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47**

**EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98
EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42**

**GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11
GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41**



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Next Meeting

*Thurs. May 7, 2015
6:15 p.m.*

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Taped public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
7. Live town meetings generally run on



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