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Bob Carlson 1942 - 2016



Guiding Member of ABMI Board Since 1997

The ABMI staff and Board of Directors are saddened by the loss of longtime board member Bob Carlson, who passed away May 15 at his home in Mendon.

Bob was a gentle and friendly presence throughout his many years of service to the station. He saw ABMI through two major renovations and the merging of the Bellingham station with Mendon Cable back in the '90s. Though Bob served on many other boards in the community, he rarely missed a meeting here at the station.

"He was a humble guy who got things done," said ABMI Publicity Director Steve Saraceno. "When he brought something up at a meeting people paid attention. His experience spoke louder than he did."

A veteran of 22 years in the Army National Guard, Bob received military honors during the funeral service at Slatersville Congregational Church. Along with his family, a large crowd of townspeople was in attendance.

"He will be missed," said Saraceno.



B.O.D. Approves Purchase of Uni-Pro Desk System for Studio

The ABMI Board of Directors approved the purchase of a new desk unit for studio shoots in a vote taken at the May 12 meeting.

Station Manager Patrick Fleming explained to the board the advantages of the Uni-Pro Desk System that comes with a monitor mount and can be set up in multiple configurations.

The motion to purchase the system at a cost of \$5,915 passed unanimously.

In other business Fleming asked the board for approval to purchase several portable, battery-powered lights for use at Concerts on the Grass and other events.

The motion to purchase an Ikan L.E.D. light system at a cost of \$1,699, plus six sandbags for stabilization, passed unanimously.

Fleming talked about streaming equipment for Ch. 11. A motion was made to purchase the Teradek 166 rack-mount encoder for \$2,990. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member Earl Pearlman asked



how long the subscription rate for station funding has been at 4 percent. Fleming said it has been that way for a long time. Board Member Nick Russell asked whether Comcast ever gave out any information as to number of subscribers. Fleming said no, but he could get a rough approximation by doing the math on the funding checks.

Russell asked if Hawk TV ended when the school went on vacation. Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said yes, but that next year the director of the program was hoping to establish Hawk TV as a regular course at the school.

Fleming said announcer Pete Royce had agreed to cover Bellingham and Mendon football games this fall. A motion was made to raise the per game stipend for Royce from \$50 to \$75. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Annual Membership Meeting, board member Diane Mela Souvanna nominated Pearlman for the Mendon board seat. Pearlman gained re-election unanimously. Selection of board officers was tabled until next meeting.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm
Train Time

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

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

1:30pm & 4:30pm-
Wicked Good Food

7pm & 11pm - Paul
in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

10pm & 4pm
Physician Focus

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

2pm & 8pm
Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

10am & 4pm - Chef's Table

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Specail

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

Lights, Cameras, and Action at ABMI-TV

Linda Trudeau (right) chats with Tom Dunayeski and Albert Renaghan of the Bellingham Lions Club during the April 13 shoot for *Something Special*.



Production Coordinator Jeff Paul (left) takes a break while editing the BV Cats video for Eileen Russo and Paul Peter.

Cub Scouts of Mendon Den 1 got a look at the green screen and the production van (below) during a studio tour April 26.



Jeff Paul tweaks a graphic during the shoot of *Something Special* April 13.

Real Estate and Beyond Debuts on ABMI

Longtime volunteer producer Mike Shain is back with a new real estate show to be cablecast weekly on the ABMI public channel.

The new show, *Real Estate and Beyond*, will air in the 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. time slot on Thursdays.

The show will also stream at those times on the home page of the website abmi8.org.

Shain is the former producer of *Real Estate Roundtable*, which aired on ABMI.

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. June 9, 2016
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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