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## Maria Batista and Brett Carlson Awarded ABMI Scholarships



Maria Batista of Bellingham and Brett Carlson of Mendon have been selected to receive the \$1,000 ABMI-TV Scholarships for 2018. Batista, a graduate of Blackstone Valley Tech, is currently a freshman at Stonehill College. Carlson graduated from Nipmuc Regional and is now a freshman at Western New England University. The scholarship award money is paid upon successful completion of the fall college semester. All local students with an interest in Communication are encouraged to apply for the 2019 scholarship.



# Board of Directors Vote to Extend SCALA Maintenance

The ABMI-TV Board of Directors voted at their meeting Aug. 16 to extend the SCALA video bulletin board maintenance contract with a new company called Interpolations.

Station Manager Patrick Fleming said the contract would cost \$3,000 initially after which it goes down to \$1,000 per year.

Board Treasurer Jereme Cooper made the motion to extend the contract and Board Vice-President Earl Pearlman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Cooper made a motion for ABMI to pay \$250 to "Boost" the posts on its Facebook page in order to gain more exposure to people in the area. The motion passed 4-1 with Board Secretary Diane Mela Souvanna opposing. Souvanna said ABMI should explore more of the free options before deciding to pay.

A motion was also made to pay a \$150 stipend to volunteer Joe Columbo. The motion passed unanimously.



Pearlman asked whether the most recent Comcast and Verizon payments were listed in the June 2018 Treasurer's Report. Fleming said no -- the checks had just recently arrived.

Cooper asked whether there was any luck with the wireless mics at the concert series this year. Fleming said the mics worked only sporadically, so they went back to using a cord. Russell asked whether the wireless camera worked. Fleming said it worked perfectly.

Fleming said he took part in a conference call with the negotiating parties for the new cable contract. He said that because the Comcast and Verizon contract dates are staggered, it was decided to table the negotiations for another year until both contracts have come due.

Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said volunteer Joe Columbo has proven to be reliable and motivated. Russell asked whether a stipend should be paid to him. Fleming said yes.

Cooper asked how the BHS Graduation cablecast turned out. Paul said it did not go live due to the failure of the card. Fleming said he would rather use ethernet.



## REGULAR SHOWS

### ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

#### MONDAY

10:30am  
Train Time

11:30am & 5pm -  
The D.A. Show

9pm - Mendon Board  
of Selectmen

#### TUESDAY

1:30pm & 6pm - Local  
High School Sports

7pm & 11pm - Paul  
in the Pit

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - In  
the Spotlight

#### THURSDAY

10am & 9pm  
Bellingham Sports Special

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-  
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Con-  
certs on the Grass

10pm - The Dun-  
geon of Dr. Dreck

### ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon 47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11

# Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Bellingham Senior Center Craft Chairman Kay Page (left) appeared as a guest on Linda Trudeau's *Something Special* on Aug. 1



Leo Fantini (left) of Bellingham chats with host Mike Shain following the Sept. 27 shoot of *Real Estate & Beyond*.

Linda Trudeau (right) speaks with musicians Marilyn Morales and Kirk Whipple during the *Something Special* shoot of Aug. 28.



Vocalist Cathy Portlock Pacitto sits with pianist Kirk Whipple at the *Something Special* desk Aug. 29, hosted by Linda Trudeau (far right).

Jesse Liam energized the crowd at the Mendon Town Beach finale of the Concerts on the Grass series Aug. 22.

## 2019 ABMI Scholarship Applications

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for 2019. One will be awarded to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Scholarship applicants must reside in either Bellingham or Mendon. The only other requirement is a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications.

Applications are available at local schools and online. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2019. Winners will be announced following a vote by the ABMI Board.

### **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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## ABMI Board of Directors

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*Next Meeting  
Thurs. Oct. 11, 2018  
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](mailto: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](http://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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