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## Mendon Robo Warriors Demonstrate Vex Robotics Skills



In the late afternoon of March 12 a club of middle school students that calls itself the Mendon Robo Warriors ventured down to the ABMI-TV studio to set up their competition space and put on a display of robotics mastery. Lisa Loo, supervisor for the club, said the students from Miscoe Hill School receive mentoring from several high school students, who come to the meetings and guide the kids on technical matters. The finished video piece, called *Vex Robotics Demonstration*, can now be seen on the ABMI Public Channel. Check the program listings at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org) for latest show times.



# Event Coverage Planned for Bellingham's 300th Anniversary

At the Feb. 7 meeting of the ABMI-TV Board of Directors, coverage of this year's Bellingham tricentennial celebration was discussed.

Board Treasurer Jereme Cooper said numerous events commemorating Bellingham's 300th birthday will be taking place this year. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said he has been told that the portable Vietnam Wall memorial will come to town. ABMI is already making plans for coverage of that event.

In other business, Cooper asked about local sports coverage. Fleming said ABMI has been covering lots of games.

Board Member Sue Carlson inquired about the situation at the recent Mendon Selectmen's meeting where using the wrong input resulted in technical difficulties in the cablecast. Also, Fleming noted that the Selectmen had failed to notify him that several DVDs of recent meetings were ready to air. Cooper said we should let



the Selectmen know that they need to tell the station when a DVD is ready to go.

Cooper asked whether the station's HVAC was all repaired. Fleming said yes.

Russell asked whether it would be possible to play recordings of meetings on the Government Channel. Fleming said someone would have to be at the Town Hall to send the recordings.

Carlson said there is a robotics club associated with the Mendon schools. Members of the club might be available to give a demonstration. Fleming said the Miscoc Hill MultiMedia Club could possibly cover it.

As far as payment of crew members, Fleming said it might be done on a case-by-case basis. Board President Nick Russell said the fiscal year for the station changes on March 31. A budget variance might be put in place before then.

A motion was made to allocate \$1,000 for payment to crew members until the end of March 2019. Motion was seconded by Board Secretary Diane Mela Souvanna. Motion passed unanimously.



## REGULAR SHOWS

### ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

#### MONDAY

10:30am  
Train Time

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

9pm - Mendon Board  
of Selectmen

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - Local  
General Coverage

#### THURSDAY

10am & 9pm  
Local Spring Sports

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-  
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Lo-  
cal Spring Sports

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, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Kiara Simpson took 3rd Place in the One-Person Boat category in the 2018 Taft Library Cardboard Boat Race with her entry, "Unicorns." For video show times check listings at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org).



Below, Kiara Simpson sports the unicorn head that helped win her the "Most Spirited Individual" award at the Cardboard Boat Race.



Tom Irons of the Mendon Seniors commanded the "Jolly Codger," a first-place winner in the Taft Library Cardboard Boat Race.



Guest Ed Guzowski chats with host Linda Trudeau during the Feb. 6 shoot of *Something Special*.



A member of the Mendon Robo Warriors takes her turn at the controls March 12.

## 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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*Next Meeting  
Thurs. April 4, 2019  
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). Recorded 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 Tyler McMinniman are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for



ABMI Board Vice-President Earl Pearlman presented selections from the Great American Songbook at the Mendon Senior Center Feb. 14. To see the video, check out the latest program listings at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org).