

# The Accessory

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- Call 508-966-3234 with notices for the video bulletin board
- DVD copies of shows available for \$15.75
- Recent meetings can be viewed at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org)

## ABMI Message Board Installed

Motorists driving Rt. 140 may have noticed something different recently.

Xpose Sign has installed an electronic message board for ABMI-TV on the station at the intersection of Williams Way.

The message board became operational in April (see photo below) and will be used to publicize ABMI coverage of upcoming town meetings and community events. It can also display current time and temperature.



# Board Re-Elects Four Members; Aicardi Named Board President

The May 4 Regular Meeting of the ABMI-TV Board and Annual Membership Meeting resulted in four board members being unanimously re-elected to their seats.

Diane Mela Souvanna, Jereme Cooper, and Tracy Aicardi retained their Bellingham seats, and Sue Carlson retained her Mendon seat.

Aicardi gained re-election as Board President for 2021-2022. Outgoing Treasurer Cooper was elected Vice-President. Carlson was elected Board Treasurer. And Earl Pearlman was elected Board Secretary.

In other business, Souvanna said she is thinking about leaving the Board, but may come back next year.

The Board decided to put off the Annual Volunteer Dinner until later in the summer.



Cooper asked about Brian Sutherland's new show. Sutherland is recording Sunday Masses at St. Blaise Church. McMinniman said the sound has gotten better on that show.

Cooper asked about the *Finding Easy Walks* show. McMinniman said he will soon shoot a Marjorie Turner walk at Silver Lake and one in Uxbridge. Cooper asked how the new Steadicam unit is working. McMinniman said the Slycam 5000 is working well. Cooper asked whether it can be used with the production van cameras. Fleming said yes, but it is meant to move along with people, not primarily just for steady shots of the band.

Fleming said renovation on the kitchen and bathrooms should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Cooper moved to accept the budget for the coming fiscal year. The Board voted unanimously to accept the budget.



## REGULAR SHOWS

### ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

#### MONDAY

11:30am & 5:30pm  
Local Activities

1:00pm - Jock Talk  
with Mazz

9pm - Mendon Board  
of Selectmen

#### TUESDAY

1pm & 9:30pm - Find-  
ing Easy Walks

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Sports Coverage

2pm & 7:30pm - Belling-  
ham Covid-19 Update

#### THURSDAY

10am & 9pm  
Local Sports

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-  
thing Special

8:30am & 6pm - St.  
Blaise Sunday Mass

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

Bellingham town officials discuss Covid protocols during February shoot of *Covid-19 Municipal Update*.



Host Linda Trudeau chats with guest Damien A. Lima, author of *Snowy the Snowman: The Many Colors of Love* during March 10 shoot of *Something Special*.

Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman looks forward to using the new Slycam 5000 camera stabilizer on such shows as *Finding Easy Walks*.



Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman demonstrates new Slycam 5000 camera stabilizer.

This spring workers from Xpose Sign completely rebuilt the installation at Rt. 140, including an electronic message board for ABMI.



Pear tree, tulips, new lawn and blue sky announce springtime at the ABMI studio at 10 Williams Way in Bellingham.

## **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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Tracy Aicardi  
*Bellingham*

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Jereme Cooper  
*Bellingham*

**Treasurer**  
Sue Carlson  
*Mendon*

**Secretary**  
Earl Pearlman  
*Mendon*

**Member**  
Diane Mela Souvanna  
*Bellingham*

*Next Meeting  
to take place  
virtually by Zoom  
Tue. July 13, 2021  
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 Verizon folks.

