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ABMI Renovation Completed



Close on the heels of the electronic sign upgrade at Rt. 140 this spring, the renovation of the ABMI kitchen and bathrooms this summer at 10 Williams Way is now complete.

Included in the upgrade is a new refrigerator, microwave oven, countertop, cabinets, flooring, bar table and chairs for the kitchen, along with a new hot water heater and garbage disposal.

Both the men's restroom and the combination women's/handicap restroom underwent major overhauls.

Below, a look at the old kitchen before the renovations...



Board Votes Unanimously To Upgrade ABMI-TV Website

Station Manager Patrick Fleming told the ABMI Board at the July 7 virtual meeting that the station's website needed to be upgraded in order to provide better access to information.

Fleming said that Nick Russell's Lightway Media could do the job, as the company had designed the current website.

A motion was made to "have the website redesigned at a cost of \$2,000." The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper asked about the renovation of the station's kitchen and bathrooms. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said renovation is completed and it looks good.

Cooper asked about the work that National Grid is doing in the area. Fleming said they have been putting up new telephone poles





to accomadate transmission for the new solar farm at the top of Williams Way. This recently caused some power outages at the station.

Cooper praised the coverage of the BHS Graduation.

Fleming told the Board he hired a tree crew to cut back some growth in order to improve visibility of the new electronic sign near Rt. 140. He asked the Board to let him know if they see any problems with the sign.

Fleming said the camera at the Mendon Town Hall needs to be upgraded. He will be in contact with Access A-V for the equipment to do this.

Cooper said the appearance of Vinyl Echo at the Concerts on the Grass series was good. Saraceno agreed.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6:15 p.m. It will take place virtually, via Zoom conference call.



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 - Finding Easy Walks

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm Sports Coverage

1pm & 6:30pm - ABMI-TV Concerts on the Grass

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm Local Sports

2pm & 8pm Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

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

10pm - The Dungeon 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

Pete Royce interviews (I-r) Melissa Ranieri-Bertonazzi (BHS 1999), Brenna Elliott (BHS 1991), and Heidi Cleaves (BHS 1991) for Aug. 2 shoot of *Bellingham Sports Hall of Fame Special*.





Trevor the Games Man kicks off the 30th Annual 2021 ABMI-TV Concerts on the Grass series with Kids Nite on July 7.

Quintessential Brass opens the Mendon portion of the Concerts on the Grass series with an Aug. 4 show at Mendon Town Beach.





Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman directs summer concert video production from his perch in the ABMI production van.



Steven Max of Vinyl Echo shows a little attitude during July 14 show at Bellingham Town Common.



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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Next Meeting to take place virtually by Zoom Tue. Sept. 7, 2021 6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

- You can post free notices for your nonprofit 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. 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.
- 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.

