

The Accessory

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Jeff Belanger begins production on next *New England Legends*



Producer Jeff Belanger (black shirt) gained an Emmy nomination for an episode of New England Legends that aired on PBS and ABMI in 2013. Here Belanger tests out a quadcopter flying above the parking lot of the ABMI studio. Attached to the quadcopter is a GoPro camera. Belanger plans to use this set-up to shoot "B roll" footage for the Legends episode. The above photo is a freeze frame taken from the actual Go Pro video.



Wireless Cameras Work Well at Concert; Streambox Unit Tested and Purchased

At the ABMI monthly board meeting July 15 Production Coordinator Erik Fischer told Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper that the new wireless camera setup worked well at the recent concert. Fischer reported that the roving cameraman could move around the gazebo on the Bellingham Common without any picture dropout. Cooper said a wireless camera might come in handy for a shot from center-field when covering baseball.

Station Manager Patrick Fleming told the board that he successfully tested out the Streambox unit which allows transmission of a live signal back to the station. The unit has been purchased and will be installed when it is delivered. Fleming paid Nick Russell of LightWay for the unit.

In other business, Fleming told the board that the website has been redesigned by LightWay.

Cooper asked if *Strictly Business* producer Lynn Scornavacca used to work for PBS. Fischer said yes, and that Scornavacca also worked for Ch. 5 in Boston.

Cooper asked if ABMI volunteer Dylan DiAntonio was still interested in the open board seat. Fischer said he thinks DiAntonio has a lot on his plate right now and has not made a decision on the board seat.

Fleming explained to Board Member Diane Mela Souvanna how the treasurer's reports are organized and why the dates go back a few months.

Board Secretary Earl Pearlman asked about the Verizon check.



Fleming said the check will be in next month. Fleming noted that the total number of subscribers may be on the rise as new housing is going up in Mendon and Bellingham.

Souvanna said it was nice that Publicity Director Steve Saraceno saw Paul DeMaria at the recent concert. Saraceno told the board that DeMaria used to work at the station when it first opened and that he wants to tour the studio soon. Paul may bring along his father, Ron, who also worked at the station in the early days.

Cooper asked how things were going with the concert preparations for the Mendon Town Beach. Saraceno said Dan Byer is the new rec director for Mendon and was very helpful as usual.

Cooper asked about the Veterans Oral History Project. Fischer said producer Marjorie Turner Hollman is steadily getting the vets in to talk. Fleming added that the show is produced in accordance with the guidelines set down by the Library of Congress.

Cooper suggested that the station try to keep up on coverage of the high school teams, especially with all the recent state championship teams in Bellingham.

In old business, Fleming said there will be three new hi-def cameras in operation this year at the concert shoots. Two will be stationary on tripods and one will be portable.

Fleming said it would cost around \$2,000 to repair the air conditioning unit. Fleming said a new unit would cost around \$20,000. The board voted unanimously to accept the bid from Victory to repair the air-conditioning unit.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

Noon & 8pm
Theresa's Real Estate Review

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6pm - Victory Assembly of God

1:30pm & 9pm - Bellingham-Mendon Veterans Oral History Project

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

WEDNESDAY

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

3pm & 8pm
The Garage

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

1pm & 7pm - Real Estate Roundtable

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

Concert, Campfire, and S'mores on the Shore

Brian Stratton (second from left) brought his group The Infractions to Mendon Town Beach Aug. 14. The show concluded ABMI's 24th annual Concerts on the Grass series.



Production Coordinator Erik Fischer adjusts camera during Sept. 4 shoot of *Strictly Business*, hosted by Lynn Scornavacca (far right). Guest is Ellyne Fleshner of WS Development.



During the Aug. 14 concert Dan Byer's Mendon rec staff provided lifeguards, campfire, sticks, table, napkins, and all the ingredients for making marshmallow-Hershey bar "S'mores" on the shores of Lake Nipmuc.

Host Linda Trudeau chats with "Greater Tuna" cast members (left to right) Bill Steele, Bill Olson, and Steps Off Broadway director Keith Mottola during a taping of *Something Special* on Sept. 4.



Poised before a green screen, Bellingham resident Kevin Grupposo delivers a spirited rendition of the Doors classic, "Light My Fire" during the Aug. 18 shoot of *Talent Call USA*.



Marjorie Turner Hollman guest on Milford Cable's Trail Talk

ABMI producer of *Veterans Oral History* and author of the recent publication *Easy Walks in Massachusetts*, Marjorie Turner Hollman appeared recently on Milford Cable's *Trail Talk*. ABMI will cablecast that episode throughout September every Monday at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and every Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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. Nov. 6, 2014
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 the town government channels.



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