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- DVD copies of shows available for \$15.75
- Recent meetings can be viewed at abmi8.org

Wayne Potash and Trevor the Games Man Kick Off 25th Concerts on the Grass series



Concert Schedule BELLINGHAM TOWN COMMON

Wednesday, July 1 -- KIDS NIGHT 5:30pm to 6:30pm - Trevor the Games Man; 6:30pm to 8:15pm - Wayne Potash Band (children's songs and interactive play) sponsored by Bellingham Town Common Trustees

Wednesday, July 8 -- 7pm to 9pm Studio Two (early Beatles tribute band); Kids Activity: free pony rides 6pm to 7pm

Wednesday, July 15 -- 7pm to 9pm Jesse Liam Band (popular songbook) Kids Activity: free pony rides 6pm to 7pm

Wednesday, July 22 -- 7pm to 9pm Morse Code (classic rock) Kids Activity: free pony rides 6pm to 7pm

Wednesday, July 29 -- 7pm to 9pm Westwood Swing Band (Big Band era) Kids Activity: free pony rides 6pm to 7pm sponsored by Middlesex Savings Bank

MENDON TOWN BEACH

Wednesday, Aug. 5 -- 6:30pm to 8:30pm Anger Management (classic rock) Kids Activity: free pony rides 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Thursday, Aug. 14 -- 6:30pm to 8:30pm Brass Connection (Herb Alpert-style horns) Kids Activity: free pony rides 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Board Approves Fiscal 2016 Budget; Fleming Purchases Playback Computer

The ABMI Board of Directors voted to approve the Fiscal 2016 budget presented by Station Manager Patrick Fleming at the monthly meeting May 7.

Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper made the motion to approve the budget. Board Secretary Bob Carlson seconded the motion.

Fleming said the financial situation for the station is good, with a revenue check of \$50,000 soon to arrive.

Fleming told the Board he would like to purchase one of the items from the wish list -- new curtains for the studio.

In other business, Fleming reported a problem with the programming playback computer. He said the computer repair shop, CTI, took a look at it. The computer had played continuously for six years so he decided to purchase a new computer for playback. Fleming said the buffalo drive for playback is starting to fail, so next week he will purchase a new unit and daisy-chain it to the other drive.

Fleming told the Board that ABMI producer Jeff Belanger organized Candidates Night for Bellingham.





Cooper asked Publicity Director Steve Saraceno whether he found a course offering for the spring. Saraceno said he didn't find any appropriate courses but will check again in the autumn when catalogs come out for Assabet, Keefe Tech, and the Worcester Art Museum.

Cooper asked whether ABMI producer Marjorie Turner Hollman was still doing *Veterans Oral History*. Saraceno said yes -- Hollman still does an installment about once every month or so.

Cooper asked how volunteer Derek Berchtold was working out. Fleming said Berchtold is dependable and enthusiastic. Board President Tracy Aicardi asked how Jeff Paul was working out as Production Coordinator. Fleming said Paul is doing well -- Fleming will soon be showing Paul how to work the production van with the new Streambox unit.

Fleming showed the Board a letter from Brian Sutherland stating that Sutherland was resigning from the Board due to work commitments.

The regular meeting was adjuourned and the Annual Membership Meeting convened.

Fleming said there are now two Bellingham seats open on the Board. He will check around to see if anyone is interested in filling the seats.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm Train Time

1pm & 5:30pm Melissa's Menu

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

Noon & 8pm All Politics is Local

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm Strictly Business

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

Recent Activity at the ABMI-TV Studio

Volunteer Derek Berchtold listens to directions coming in over his headphones during a recent shoot in the ABMI studio.





Below, Matthew Ulsh sits in the ABMI mobile production van during the April 29 tour of the studio by Den 3, Pack 18 of the Bellingham Boy Scouts. Far below, Steven Gately of Gallo Moving & Storage talks with host Theresa Sannicandro March 26 on *Theresa's Real Estate Review*.

Certified Outreach Coordinator for the Bellingham Senior Center Sheila Ronkin (left) chats with *Something Special* host Linda Trudeau during the April 23 shoot.







A Cub Scout from Den 3 hams it up in front of green screen during tour Jan. 29

Sutherland Bids Adieu To ABMI Board & Staff



Longtime ABMI Board Member Brian Sutherland of Bellingham submitted a letter of resignation to the board recently, citing the lack of time to attend meetings due to the demands of his job.

"Brian has served on the Board since the year 2000," said Publicity Director Steve Saraceno. "His contributions over the years have been manifold, and he will certainly be missed."

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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Treasurer Bob Carlson Mendon

Secretary Earl Pearlman *Mendon*

Member Brian Sutherland *Bellingham*

Member Diane Mela Souvanna *Bellingham*

Next Meeting Thurs. July 9, 2015 6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

- 1. 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. 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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