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## Stephen Ministry Discussed



*Host Linda Trudeau (right) chats with the Reverend Eileen Morris, pastor of Slatersville Congregational Church, and Bob Villiard, one of six congregation members serving as a Stephen Minister.*

Two representatives from the Slatersville Congregational Church in Slatersville, R.I. appeared at a shoot of *In The Spotlight* March 29 to talk about a caregiving group called the Stephen Ministry.

The Stephen Ministry is comprised of well-trained lay caregivers who provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing various difficulties in life.

The Reverend Eileen Morris told host Linda Trudeau that the goal of the organization is to make sure that crucial support is given to struggling people in the congregation and throughout the community.

Bob Villiard, a pastor in the church and a Stephen Minister, spoke about helping people in crisis. He said that his work of extended involvement in these situations has been one of the most rewarding experiences of his life.

A half-day introductory workshop for the ministry takes place April 29 at the church. More information is available at [stephenministry.org](http://stephenministry.org).

*Something Special* is cablecast every weekend -- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday -- at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Ch. 8 Comcast and Channel 47 Verizon.



# ABMI Board Approves Budget; Includes New Streaming Channel

The ABMI Board of Directors voted unanimously at their meeting March 9 to approve the budget presented by Station Manager Patrick Fleming for the upcoming fiscal year.

Fleming pointed out that the budget is a “guide-line,” and that the Board has final approval of any large expenditure in any case.

In other business, board member Earl Pearlman asked what the “Subscriptions” item was in the Treasurer’s Report of Dec. 2016. Fleming said it was for subscriptions to magazines, and online programs like QuickBooks.

Pearlman asked why the station was doing “infomercials” for Peregrine Energy. Fleming said the interview with the Peregrine representative was requested by the town of Bellingham. Board member Nick Russell asked whether this might be against station policy. Fleming said it wasn’t because the town benefits from it.

Board member Jer-



reme Cooper asked what is going on with the broken camera. Fleming said volunteer Derek Berchtold accidentally bumped the bleachers at a BHS basketball game and knocked down someone else’s camera. ABMI is having the camera repaired.

Cooper asked about the new show, *Kev’s Korner*. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said the show is well-produced even though Rep. Kevin Kuros appears to be new to studio production.

Russell said it is nice that Greg Cooney can perform at Kids Nite this summer in the Concerts on the Grass series.

Russell asked how the new studio desk was working out. Fleming said it is very versatile -- its arrangement can be altered for different hosts.

Fleming said he added a line in the producers’ prop budget that includes advertising.

Board member Sue Carlson said on March 25 there is a Valley Chapel ceremony to celebrate Mendon’s 350th anniversary. She asked whether ABMI could cover it. Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said he would do so.

Fleming said the ABMI fiscal year ends March 31.



## REGULAR SHOWS

### ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

#### MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm  
Train Time

Noon & 6pm - Mass.  
School of Law

9pm - Mendon Board  
of Selectmen

#### TUESDAY

10am & 3:30pm -  
The Garage

1:30pm & 6pm -  
The D.A. Show

7pm & 11pm - Paul  
in the Pit

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Kev’s Korner

1pm & 7pm - In  
the Spotlight

#### THURSDAY

8am & 10pm  
History of Mendon

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-  
thing Special

10pm - The Dun-  
geon of Dr. Dreck

### ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon 47

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***

Joyce Firth of Mendon Sings (left) and conductor Simeon Morrow joined host Linda Trudeau at the March 22 shoot of *Something Special*.



Mike Shain poses with guest Michelle O'Mara of the Mass. Real Estate Group at the Feb. 3 taping of *Real Estate and Beyond*.



Leo Dalpe, Lisa Mattola, and Carolyn Roycroft of the Bellingham Senior Center chat with host Linda Trudeau at the shoot of *Something Special* March 29.



Ed Guzowski came on *Something Special* Feb. 15 to tell host Linda Trudeau about the St. Paddy's Day Dinner.



ABMI Production Coordinator Jeff Paul directs shoot of *Something Special* on March 29 as Station Manager Patrick Fleming works camera in background.

## ***ABMI Still Seeking Applications for 2017 Scholarships***

ABMI-TV is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for one student from Bellingham and one student from Mendon in the year 2017.

Applicants must show a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications but need not plan to major in the subject.

Applications will be available at area schools as well as the ABMI studio at 10 William Way. This year applications will also be posted on the station website, [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org).

### **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. May 11, 2017  
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). 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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