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Troop 12806 Shoots Promo



On Saturday May 12 Mendon Girl Scout Troop 12806 came down to the studio to shoot a video promoting Girl Scout enrollment. Under the direction of Troop Leader Tara Klupa, the girls had previously written a four-page script and had rehearsed their lines to near-perfection. The two-hour shoot took place in front of a green screen. A few days later Publicity Director Steve Saraceno shot the background at a field near the Mendon Town Beach. The Scouts plan to submit the video to the regional Girl Scout office to qualify for a badge.





Mary Landry of Bellingham Approved for ABMI Membership

The ABMI Board of Directors reviewed the Membership application of Bellingham resident Mary Landry at the start of their meeting April 12. The Board voted unanimously to approve Landry as a Member.

In other business, Board Secretary Diane Mela Souvanna asked whether the studio's septic system had been inspected. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said the system was inpected ten years ago and has experienced no recent problems.

Board President Nick Russell ask how much it would cost to run advertisements for a year in the *Bellingham Bulletin* and *Mendon Town Crier*. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said the cost would run roughly \$3,000 to \$4,000. The Board voted unanimously to authorize up to \$4,000 annually for advertising in both the *Bulletin* and the *Town Crier*.

Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said the music video he has been working





on is now completed. Paul said he plans to do an interview with the performers as well.

Fleming presented the proposed 2018-2019 budget to the Board for consideration. Board Treasurer Jereme Cooper made a motion to accept the budget for 2018-2019. Souvanna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fleming talked about the "wish list" he is submitting to the town of Bellingham. He said it includes building upgrades (bathrooms, fence, pavement, etc.) and equiipment upgrades (playback system, modulators, equipment for school cable clubs, recorders for town meetings, renovation of the the sign at Rt. 140, etc.).

Fleming added that he would like to install a digital message board on the Rt. 140 sign.

Fleming said the total cost for everything on the wish list would be about \$60,000 for building upgrades and \$40,000 for equipment upgrades. The grand total for the wish list is about \$100,000.

Fleming also plans to ask Comcast whether it can upgrade to a fully digital signal.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am Train Time

11:30am & 5pm -The D.A. Show

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

10am & 4pm - Physician Focus

1:30pm & 6pm - Local High School Sports

7pm & 11pm - Paul in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm Bellingham Sports Special

2pm & 8pm Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

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

Host Linda Trudeau chats with 2018 Autumnfest Chairman Richard Savaria during the May 16 shoot of *Something Special*.



Dave Cutler, Principal of Keough Memorial Academy, speaks with host Linda Trudeau during the April 18 shoot of *Something Special*.



The above photo appeared in the recent promo shot by Mendon Girl Scout Troop 12806 (see story, p. 1). The Scouts collected and recyled the crayons.





Production Coordinator Jeff Paul directs the April 18 shoot of *Something Special*.



The pear tree, tulips, and azalias all abloom at ABMI this spring!

ABMI Scholarship Winners Soon To Be Named

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships this year, one to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Four students from Mendon have applied for the scholarship, as well as two from Bellingham.

The ABMI Board of Directors begins to review the applications at their meeting May 31.

After the Board votes are tallied, winners from each town will be announced in early June.

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 31, 2018 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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