

The Accessory

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Concerts on the Grass



The 28th Annual ABMI-TV Concerts on the Grass series kicked off with Kids Night on July 11. Puppeteer Anna Sobel (above) brought the Talking Hands Theatre to the Bellingham Town Common gazebo, followed by children's songwriter Wayne Potash with an interactive show for the kids. Classic rockers Morse Code headlined the July 18 concert at the Common, and alternative rockers Backwards Dancer (below) appeared July 25. The series continues with the folk duo Yankee Notions on Aug. 1 before moving on to Mendon (see p. 3)



Cooper, Russell, and Carlson Gain Re-election to Board Seats

Jereme Cooper and Nick Russell won re-election to Bellingham board seats and incumbent Sue Carlson won her Mendon seat in a vote that took place at the ABMI Annual Membership Meeting May 31.

The seats all carry a three-year term.

In the vote for Board Officers, Russell gained re-election as President, Earl Pearlman gained re-election as Vice-President, Cooper gained re-election as Treasurer, and Diane Mela Souvanna gained re-election as Secretary.

In other business, Pearlman asked whether the digital signboard had been installed on the Rt. 140 sign. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said the digital sign is something that as yet has only been proposed.

Cooper asked about the coverage of the Bellingham Memorial Day Parade. Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said it went well, though the Keynote Speaker for the parade did not show.



Publicity Director Steve Saraceno distributed scholarship applications to the Board for review.

In Old Business, Fleming reported that the recent meeting on contract negotiations featured a no-show from Verizon. Fleming said he submitted the wish list as to future needed expenditures. Fleming said the contract with Verizon is the one that is currently up for renewal. The contract with Comcast is not up for renewal for fifteen months, but Comcast is taking part in the negotiations because of the “level playing field” condition which matches both providers to the same funding commitments.

Fleming said the next contract negotiation meeting has not been settled upon as yet.

Fleming showed the report from the Building Inspector. Fleming said the report was very thorough and detected no major problems with the building and grounds. Fleming said the minor problems had already been mentioned to the Board -- fence rotting, cracks in the asphalt, etc. Fleming said he will lop off some overhanging branches.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am
Train Time

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

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

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 - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Con-
certs on the Grass

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

Julie St. Pierre of the Bellingham branch of the Middlesex Savings Bank (standing, far right) helped distribute goodies at the bank-sponsored Morse Code show July 18.



Longtime Taft Library Cardboard Boat Race organizer Andrew Jenrich (far right) captained a vessel for the first time ever this year. It sank.

Ridge Valley Stables of Grafton will help provide free pony rides for all Concerts on the Grass shows this year, including Aug. 8, 15, and 22 at Mendon Town Beach.



Zack Shaw of Backwards Dancer at the Bellingham Common July 25.



Bob Moore of Costello Realty (left) chats with host Mike Shain during the July 27 shoot of Real Estate & Beyond.

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 started to review the applications at their meeting May 31.

The votes will soon be tallied and winners will be announced later this summer.

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. Aug. 9, 2018
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



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