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## Bellingham Celebrates Veterans As Part of 300th Anniversary



The Veterans Day Celebration Nov. 11 at the BHS Auditorium honored Vietnam Vets and others as part of the town of Bellingham's 300th Anniversary Celebration. ABMI-TV is currently playing *The Wall That Heals in Bellingham*, a documentary look at the visit of the Wall That Heals to Bellingham Aug. 23-26. Also currently cablecasting on the ABMI Public Channel is *The Wall That Heals Veterans Interview*, conducted by journalist Marjorie Turner Hollman. The veterans interviewed for the show include Bellingham's Jim Hastings, Joe Ebert, Bill Eltcroth, and Patrick Pisani. (see photo, p. 3). Another piece touching on the visit is *The Wall That Heals Report*, a short overview of the event. Check the latest program listings at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org) for dates and times of cablecast.



# Board Votes to Purchase New Drone for \$300

At the Nov. 5 meeting of the ABMI Board of Directors, Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman told the Board about a drone he had been researching. It costs \$300 and is small enough so that licenses and operating permits are not required.

Board Treasurer Jerome Cooper asked whether the drone has user-friendly controls. McMinniman said yes. Cooper suggested that if the station decides to purchase the drone, only staff members should be allowed to use it. Station Manager Patrick Fleming agreed.

Cooper made a motion to purchase the drone for approximately \$300. Board Vice-President Diane Mela Souvanna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Board President Tracy Aicardi asked if there was any trouble with the bank changing our checks over. Fleming said there was no problem.

Cooper asked why the station's phone bill is \$440.



Fleming said that covers 5 phone lines.

Cooper asked McMinniman how coverage of The Wall That Heals is coming along. McMinniman said he shot a lot of footage which he will edit according to the wishes of the veteran Jim Hastings. There may be one general piece to fit into an hour slot, and then maybe a piece on each landmark day the Wall was here.

Fleming reported on the contract discussions with Comcast and Verizon. He said Comcast told him that they are in it for the long run and are seeking a ten-year contract. Verizon is adopting a wait-and-see attitude and only seeks a five year contract. Cooper said that Fleming should run the contracts by an independent lawyer before we sign anything. Fleming said he could contact the cable access lawyer who works out of California that we have contacted before.

Fleming said there was an issue with the Mendon Town Hall where the hub was connected incorrectly. The issue has been resolved.



## REGULAR SHOWS

### ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

#### MONDAY

10:30am  
Train Time

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

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - Local General Coverage

#### THURSDAY

10am & 9pm  
Local Sports

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

1pm & 7pm - Local Fall Sports

10pm - The Dungeon 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***

The boat *Jaws* disguises itself as a land shark at the Mendon Town Beach July 23. The video production of the Taft Library Cardboard Boat Race debuted in October.



The boat *La Garra* wins the Espirit de Corps Award at the Taft Library Cardboard Boat Race July 23.

Host Marjorie Turner Hollman interviews Vietnam Vets Oct. 17: (left to right) Hollman, Jim Hastings, Joe Ebert, Bill Eltcroth, and Patrick Pisani.



Kaye Page (left) of the Bellingham Senior Center chats with host Linda Trudeau during the Oct. 3 shoot of *Something Special*.

Vietnam Vet Jim Hastings (left) stands with fellow vets before The Wall That Heals.

## ***ABMI-TV Offering Two Scholarships For 2020 Graduates***

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for 2020. One will be awarded to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Scholarship applicants must reside in either Bellingham or Mendon. The only other requirement is a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications.

Applications are available at local schools and online. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2020. Winners will be announced following a vote by the ABMI Board.

### **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  
Tue, Jan. 7, 2020  
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). Recorded 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 Tyler McMinniman 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.

