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Finding Easy Walks debuts as Newest ABMI show



Author Marjorie Turner Hollman (above right) recently published a guide to local hiking trails called, *Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are*. Hollman's new ABMI show, *Finding Easy Walks*, debuted in October. Above she leads Dyan and Richard Rooke on a hike along Knuckup Hill in Wrentham. Below, hiking guest *Bellingham Bulletin* editor Pam Johnson enjoys a view of the water along the Blackstone Valley Greenway. Other recent shoots of *Finding Easy Walks* include a visit to Choate Park in Medway and a look at the Franklin Sculpture Park in Franklin. (photos p. 3)



Board Discusses New Show *Easy Walks Wherever You Are*

The Nov. 10 'virtual' meeting of the ABMI Board of Directors featured a discussion about the newest ABMI show.

Easy Walks Wherever You Are, produced by longtime ABMI volunteer Marjorie Turner Hollman, debuted in October.

Board Member Earl Pearlman asked Production Coordinator Tyler Mc-Minniman how the shooting has gone so far.

McMinniman said Hollman recently finished three episodes. Two feature a guest walking along with her and delivering information about the trail.

Station Manager Patrick Fleming noted that McMinniman captured some outstanding drone camera shots of the fall foliage around the Bellingham Town Common.





In other business, Fleming said he is adding the cost for the new gutters to the Capital Equipment Budget.

Fleming also said he is still waiting to hear back from the people installing the sign at Rt. 140.

Board Member Sue Carlson asked whether a permit had been secured for the sign. Fleming said the sign company will secure the permit. Board Member Jereme Cooper said the throw from snowplows should be taken into account when choosing location of the sign.

Board President Tracy Aicardi asked about the Covid-19 Update show. Fleming said Bellingham town officials came down to the studio to shoot the update. He said it may become a regular thing.

Fleming told the Board he has yet to receive a hard copy of the contract with Verizon. The first capital equipment check from Verizon has been received.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am Train Time

11:30am & 5:30pm Local Activities

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

1pm & 9:30pm - Finding Easy Walks

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm Sports Coverage

2pm & 7:30pm - Bellingham Covid-19 Update

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm Local Sports

2pm & 8pm Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY=SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

3pm & 8pm - Finding Easy Walks

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

Bellingham High School Athletic Director Mike Connor and Cindy McNulty, Vice-Chairwoman of the Bellingham Board of Selectmen discuss Covid-19 in October.



Bellingham Senior Center Director Josie Dutil weighs in during a recent virtual meeting cablecast on ABMI



Finding Easy Walks host Marjorie Turner Hollman comtemplates exhibit at Franklin Sculpture Park during shoot this fall.





Bellingham Town Planner Jim Kupfer came down to the studio for a Covid-19 update earlier this month.



Marjorie Turner Hollman has hosted and produced several shows at ABMI, including *Veterans Oral History*. Her latest project, *Finding Easy Walks*, premiered this fall. Hollman is also the author of three books focussing on local hiking trails. She recently was featured in a segment of Ch. 5's *Chronicle*.

Two ABMI-TV \$1,000 Scholarships

ABMI-TV is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for 2021. One scholarship 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 area schools as well as the ABMI studio at 10 Williams Way. They will also be posted on the local school websites.

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 to take place virtually by Zoom Tue. Jan. 5, 2021 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.
- All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at 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.
- ABMI encourages interested volunteers.
 Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
- 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.

