REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CABLE COMMITTEE 2013

March

WAN access to town core for MPD and EOCD installed. Annual LIVE Rotary Cable Auction aired on channel 9 in Middleborough and Lakeville and on channel 95 in Freetown. Boy Scouts toured the MCCAM facility and learned about local cable TV.

28 meetings and events covered in the month of March.

1 new MCCAM volunteer - Lori Ashley

1 new locally produced show - Welcome to Middleborough Historic Cemeteries

April

Longtime Permanent Cable Committee member Kevin Francoza resigns from the committee. Purchased equipment for backup storage system. Boy Scout tour of MCCAM.

21 meetings and events covered by MCCAM in April including Candidates Forum.

May

Signed contract with Unique Media Technologies for design and installation of backup storage system for MCCAM. presented annual report to the BOS. Started discussions on network upgrade from 1GB to 10GB at schools and townwide INET backbone. Worked in conjunction with the Board of Health to create their annual Food Handlers Course including 10 DVDs.

22 meetings and events covered in May including the Memorial Day events.

June

Cable Committee paid \$5694 to complete the work needed in Edgeway Mobile Home park giving Middleborough residents PEG access from Middleborough instead of Lakeville. NAS project begins to be configured. VOIP phase II project nearing completion. Board of Selectmen vote to add Charles Cristello and Ellen Driscoll to the PCC. Terms are also added to members of the PCC. Terms for Permanent Cable Committee Members are as follows:

Robert Silva term ending June, 30, 2015
Steven Callahan term ending June 30, 2015
Ellen Driscoll term ending June 30, 2015
Robert Denise term ending June 30, 2014
Maureen Candito term ending June 30, 2014

Kevin Francoza (retired)

term completed by Paul Lazarovich term ending June 30, 2014

Adam Pelletier term ending June 30, 2016
Mark Mobley term ending June 30, 2016
Charles Cristello term ending June 30, 2016

14 meetings and events covered during the month of June.

July

Town WiFi hooked up/activated. WASP inventory project started. Received \$2500 check from Freetown for inter municipal cable access agreement bi-annual payment (goes into the General Fund).

24 meetings and events covered in July including the 4th of July events and Parks & Rec shows.

August

Krazy Days booth set up and covered. New volunteers added and trained. Work began on NAS backup and wireless project. 22 meetings and events covered this month.

1 new volunteer/intern – Zachary Grundy

17 meetings and events covered during the month of August.

September

NAS backup system installed (MCCAM files archived at NMS and MET files archived at Town Hall). MCCAM reconfigured on network to be on the "safe" side of firewall. Purchased portable switcher for use at on location multicamera shoots. WASP inventory data entry completed. All inventory barcoded. WASP volunteer badges created and equipment checkout process started.

22 meetings and events covered in September.

October

Zachary Grundy intern from Bridgewater State University working at MCCAM for credits at BSU. Used the new portable switcher equipment for coverage of Town meeting (3 camera shoot)

15 events and meetings covered in October for MCCAM.

November

Surplus equipment from the old Comcast studio donated to the towns of Fall River, Pembroke and Stoughton. 22 meetings and events covered by volunteers in November.

December

Purchased 2 new portable camera kits and an iMac workstation for training and editing.

13 meetings and events covered in December.

January 2014

Received letter from Comcast to allow Verizon to recieve the PEG access signals directly from our output hub at Town Hall (will make channel quality much better). Contacted Oak Point activities director to set up a public forum on what PEG access is and how residents can become involved with MCCAM. Started working on getting ready for the LIVE rotary cable auction in March.

14 meetings and events covered in January.

February

We began testing new system using encoder/decoder over network for the Live Cable Rotary Auction instead of cable that has integrity issues due to age. Auction Preview date set. Received \$2500 check from the Town of Freetown for bi-annual payment of channel 95 cable access feed. Working with Comcast and Verizon to verify all municipal buildings have cable TV drops installed per our licenses with each provider.

18 meetings and events covered in the month of February.

Current active MCCAM volunteers

Jim Cosgrove

Perry & Anna Little

John Healey

Zachary Grundy

Gary Mitchell

Lynn Rocha

Lori Ashley