

### REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CABLE COMMITTEE 2016

#### March 2016

The annual LIVE Rotary Cable Auction aired in Middleborough, Lakeville and Freetown the weekend of March 18 & 19. Created an updated Food Handler's Course DVD with Catherine Hasset at the Health Department. Wrote letter to Lakeville Selectmen to request they do not allow Comcast to close the Comcast Customer Service Center in Middleborough. Continued to work on the Housing Authority INET inclusion project.

24 meetings/events covered in the month of March including the annual Candidates Forum and Cable Auction.

## **April**

MCCAM multi-camera shoot of the Annual Town Meeting. Discussion and vote to contract with LCN for the installation of VOIP Voicemail upgrade (\$57,041.81).

18 meetings and events covered by MCCAM including the annual Canoe Race and 3rd Annual Herring Run Festival with Cranberry Country Journal.

### May

Specialized Heating installed 2 slimline heat and AC units in the MCCAM office area and removed old unit (\$16,850.00) 24 meetings and events covered in May including the Memorial Day events, Sheep Day, Library and COA events.

#### June

Board of Selectmen vote to renew 3 yr terms for Adam Pelletier, Mark Mobley and Donna Bernabeo. Current Terms for Permanent Cable Committee Members are as follows:

Robert Silva	term ending June, 30, 2018
Steven Callahan	term ending June 30, 2018
Nicholas Guarda	term ending June 30, 2018
Robert Denise	term ending June 30, 2017
Maureen Candito	term ending June 30, 2017
Paul Lazarovich	term ending June 30, 2017
Adam Pelletier	term ending June 30, 2019
Mark Mobley	term ending June 30, 2019
Donna Bernabeo	term ending June 30, 2019

Additional security camera added at the basement entrance by Watch 24.

26 meetings and events covered during the month of June.

# July

Upgraded the Mobile Asset Management software for our barcoding and equipment check-in/out.

30 meetings and events covered in July including the 4th of July events and Parks & Rec shows and concerts on the town hall lawn and concerts at the Soule Homestead.

### August

Upgrade the Legacy LAN switch at the COA (\$8160.39) with LCN. MCCAM participated in Krazy Days and had a contest that made people more aware of the MCCAM website. Winners of the Krazy Days raffle were Zachary LeBonte and Thomas & Abigail Sawicki. Zack attended a training session in Mashpee on the BPix system. The Town received a

check for \$2500 from Freetown for inter-municipal cable access agreement bi-annual payment (goes into the General Fund).

30 meetings and events covered during the month of August including concerts, Krazy Days and National Night Out.

### September

MCCAM replaced the podium microphone for better audio at the meetings in the BOS meeting room. Nick Guarda began a project with a video student from MHS to highlight the Fire Department and FF I/II program with MHS students. 27 meetings and events covered in September including the Soule Harvest Festival and the Southcoast Rail Public Forum.

#### October

The PCC renewed the annual Alcatel Equipment & support contract from LCN (valid 7/1/16 thru 6/30/17) \$14,739.65. This contract is for support of the network switches on the Town owned INET.

Letter sent to School Committee informing them that the Ed Channel programming location will move from MET to MCCAM at the Town Hall. Adam Pelletier will still control programming of the MET channel. Inquiry from the State DPW barn looking for a cable drop from Comcast at the State Barn on rt 28. State DPW was referred to Comcast. 24 events and meetings covered in October for MCCAM including multi-camera shoot for the Special Town Meeting, Oktoberfest with Cranberry Country Journal and the Candidates Forum held at Oak Point.

#### November

Purchased new HD camera kit for MET (Middleborough Education Tv) (\$5669.17) Karen and Zack attended the fall Mass Access conference in Plymouth at PACTV.

24 meetings and events covered by volunteers in November including Veterans Day events, Hall of Fame awards, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony and the annual Christmas Parade.

#### December

Permanent Cable Committee sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen notifying them that the PCC will be engaging with an attorney to start the Comcast license renewal process. The Comcast Franchise license expires in September 26, 2020. Housing Authority project to bring them onto the Town INET completed. Total Housing Authority project cost \$14,089.60

14 meetings and events covered in December including Festival of Lights with Cranberry Country Journal, annual Tree lighting, LIVE nativity performance and other holiday events at the library and COA.

#### January 2017

New VOIP voicemail system implemented throughout the Town/Schools (\$57,041.81). The Town received \$2500 check from the Town of Freetown for bi-annual payment of channel 95 cable access feed. Computer workstation upgrade for Karen and laptop purchased for portable edit suite. Contracted with The Camera Company (dba ISG) for upgrade to the Tighrope Media System used for programming of the PEG channels, Video On Demand and Live Streaming (\$39,857.65). Installation to begin March/April 2017.

21 meetings and events covered in January.

## **February**

License renewal ascertainment survey created and discussed. Online implementation of survey will happen in the next few months for subscriber and resident input. Membership to MassAccess renewed for MCCAM. This membership allows for downloading of programming created by producers all over Massachusetts.

19 meetings and events covered in the month of February.

#### **Programming Statistics**

2/1/16 to 2/1/17

Municipal Access Shows :: 257 shows :: average length 1hr 36 min :: total runs 4071 Public Access Shows :: 153 shows :: average length 53 minutes :: total runs 2624

Current active MCCAM volunteers

Jim Cosgrove

Lynn Rocha

Lori Ashley

Nick Guarda

Donna Bernabeo

Jacob Parsons

Joey Driscoll

Paul Lazarovich

Katie McDonald

List of board/committee meetings covered weekly/monthly by MCCAM:

Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee

Police Building Committee

Planning Board

**Historical Commission** 

Oliver Estate Advisory Committee

Middleborough Gas & Electric Commissioners

**Tourism Committee** 

Commission on Disability

**Conservation Commission** 

Zoning Board of Appeals

**Community Preservation Committee** 

School Building Committee

MCCAM also airs the School Committee meetings covered by MET.