

BOXFORD CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (BCATv)  
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Boxford Cable Access Television Corporation, Inc (BCATv) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, which operates two local cable television stations accessible by the residents of Boxford.

We are currently celebrating our 10th year of service to the cable subscribers of Boxford. Our Board of Directors consists of 3 unpaid volunteers who have been on-board since day one and have worked diligently with an eye to the future to ensure that this endeavor prospers and fulfills its mission.

Our Government Access station broadcasts 16 hours per day, 7 days per week on COMCAST Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 39 and features live and taped government meetings of the numerous volunteer committees and boards in Boxford.

During the past year we videoed over 250 public meetings that occurred at Boxford Town Hall and other meeting venues. Often times there can be 5 simultaneous meetings going on at the same time, but Lance Cluster always manages to get as many meetings as he can recorded for playback during the week and uploaded to the web so they can be viewed online 24 hours per day at our website: [www.BoxfordCableTv.com](http://www.BoxfordCableTv.com).

Our Public Access station broadcasts 24 hours per day, 7 days per week on COMCAST Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 45. This past year we broadcast approximately 540 unique videos varying in length from 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Over 300 videos were recorded and produced by our staff of interns ranging from 12 years of age to residents enjoying retirement. The subject matter ranged from multi-camera concerts, to Masco/Youth/Adult sports, to The Health Show (which is also viewed worldwide on the internet), and many, many other local Boxford events. Many of these videos are archived and can be watched on our website as well.

We also aired over 150 religious services provided by local Boxford and Topsfield houses of worship, plus another 180 videos produced by other cable stations on various subject matters of interest to our cable subscribers.

One thing we are very proud of is our involvement in the Masco Senior Internship program, which runs for the 5 weeks following April vacation. This Masco program is intended to give Seniors a real world working experience of their choosing. We were especially honored to have 2 Seniors, Samantha Young and Harrison Kent, choose BCATv for their Senior Internship. They both wrote independently their own original music score and used our 24 track recording

studio to produce their own unique CD's. Samantha was also a finalist in the 95.5 FM 2014 Music Matters contest for a song from her CD.

In late December 2013, BCATv signed a contract with the Town of Topsfield to manage the Topsfield Cable Access Media (TCAM) station for 1 year in order to generate enough public interest to be able to turn over the operation to the residents of Topsfield at the end of 2014. Our Board viewed this as an opportunity to step up be a good neighbor.

The transition went very smoothly and the Topsfield Selectmen were very happy with the service that Jonathan Rivers and our interns provided during the year. All additional costs related to this endeavor were paid for by Topsfield and we were even able to negotiate some limited cost sharing on BCATv produced Masco and concert events that are broadcast in both towns.

The one area we fell short on was finding a group from Topsfield to take over the operation of TCAM. As a result, the Topsfield Selectmen asked us to continue this contract for 2015, which we have agreed to do, and we were able to even out the cost sharing on the Masco and concert videos that we air in both towns.

The COMCAST franchise agreement renewal process has been progressing with a little slippage due to the events in the Fall, which took precedence for the Selectmen.

BCATv has supplied the Boxford Cable Advisory Committee with a 10 year estimated budget that includes capital expenditures for replacing broadcast equipment that will be outdated and possibly made obsolete due to technology shifts. This budget was developed based upon what we know today and what we may reasonably expect will occur in future years over the course of the multiyear franchise agreement.

BCATv will continue to work very closely with the Boxford Cable Advisory Committee to arrive at an agreement in a timely manner. As always, we will continue to provide the best government and public access programming for the most reasonable cost to the cable subscribers of Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Rivers

Boxford Cable Access Television Board of Directors