

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 currently operates 3 local cable television stations accessible by the residents of Boxford:

- Public Access Comcast: Ch 8 Verizon: Ch 45
- Government Access Comcast: Ch 22 Verizon: Ch 39
- Educational Access Comcast: Ch 99 Verizon: Ch 40

During 2017 we videoed and broadcasted over 270 public meetings that occurred at Boxford Town Hall and other meeting venues. Meetings that are held in Meeting Room 1 at Boxford Town Hall are typically broadcast live. Meetings in Meeting Room 2 are also broadcast live, if there is no meeting in Meeting Room 1.

Lance Cluster, our Government Access Coordinator, always manages to get as many meetings as possible recorded for playback during the week and uploaded to the web so they can be viewed online 24 hours per day on our website: **www.BoxfordCableTv.com**.

Our staff of 30 paid interns ranging from students 11 years of age to college age, plus residents enjoying retirement, videoed 520 local events in 2017. These events reflect each videographer's individual interests, such as music, sports, lectures, parades, school events, etc. Most of these videos can be viewed in HD (high definition) on our website, as well.

We also aired over 100 religious services donated by local Boxford and Topsfield houses of worship, as well as another 250 plus videos of various subject matters of local interest provided at no charge to BCATv by other cable stations and producers.

During this past year we invested in live broadcasting technology, which allows us to do live events, such as the Masco Senior Week activities, sporting events, etc.

The coolest use of this technology was broadcasting the solar eclipse live this summer from Tennessee on our Public Access channel. Middle Tennessee State University provided BCATv with access to their live stream of this event. They are uniquely located in the 100% eclipse path and made this a true educational event with presentations from their astrology professors and guests from NASA. It was an amazing show to watch live as the sun dimmed in Boxford!

Most recently we have been live streaming home and away Masco Soccer, Football, and Basketball games on our Bulletin Board streaming channel on our web site, wherever we have internet connectivity. We have received many positive responses from grand-parents and other relatives who live out of state but want to watch these games.

The Town of Topsfield renewed BCATV's contract to manage the Topsfield Cable Access Media (TCAM) station through June 30, 2018. BCATV has been providing 24/7 programming as well as live coverage of select government meetings. All additional costs related to this contract were paid for by Topsfield, plus Topsfield shares approximately half of the cost for BCATV produced Masco, Tri-Town sporting events, and concerts that are broadcast in both towns. We have submitted a proposal to Topsfield for Fiscal 2019.

Jonathan Rivers, who accepted a full-time position at a radio station conglomerate in Boston this past summer, continues to remotely schedule the TCAM channel on a weekly basis. Ben and Maddy Demers from Topsfield have religiously setup equipment at Proctor School for live Selectmen and Topsfield School Committee meetings again this past year.

BCATV sponsored Max Simonelli from Boxford and Jeff Saramela from Middleton in the Masco Senior Internship Program which runs for 5 weeks following April school vacation. Brad Sweet was their on-site mentor.

Max helped video the Masco Senior Frolics by running 2 of the 4 cameras used to record this event. During internship he learned how to use our video editing software. He edited the footage from these 4 cameras, created the cover art for the DVD case, and produced a 2 DVD set which Masco had taken 100 orders for.

Jeff also learned how to use our video editing software and created a highlights video for one of the Masco sports team. He also did play by play for several varsity lacrosse games and edited them for airing on our Educational channel. He also edited many youth sports game for broadcast as well and fulfilled several DVD orders received from parents.

Using proceeds from ongoing DVD sales, we established a scholarship fund 2 years ago for graduating seniors who have made significant contributions to BCATV over the years. This past year we awarded a \$500 scholarship to Max Simonelli of Boxford and to Jeff Saramela of Middleton for their contributions to BCATV. Max started with BCATV as a sophomore and Jeff as a freshman. Both are still involved with BCATV.

This coming year we want to upgrade the 12-year-old robotic camera equipment in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 at Boxford Town Hall from SD (standard definition) to HD to make it easier for viewers to see charts, presentation, plot plans, etc. that are presented in government meetings. We are also looking at a permanent robotic camera solution for Conference Room 2 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Sweet, General Manager and Controller

Rick Rivers, President and Melissa Scheirey, Vice President, Boxford Cable Access Television Board of Directors