

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 2018 we videoed and broadcasted 250 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 on Ch 22/39 and streamed on www.BoxfordCableTv.com. 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 from our website:

In September, Lance and his son, Tristan, replaced the 13-year-old Standard Definition robotic camera system in the Selectmen's Chambers with a new state of the art computerized High Definition robotic camera system. This project involved several hours of running network cables to the 4 camera positions in that room. Lance did the research on the computer software and camera options. Brad Sweet configured the computer and tested out the equipment.

Our staff of 27 paid interns, ranging from students 12 years of age to college age, plus a resident enjoying retirement, videoed 460 local events in 2018. 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 High Definition on our website, as well.

We also aired over 70 religious services donated by local Boxford and Topsfield houses of worship, as well as another 548 videos of various subject matters of local interest provided at no charge to BCATv by other cable stations and independent producers.

During this past year we continued to live broadcast on our website many events, such as the Masco Senior Week activities; Masco Soccer, Basketball, Field Hockey, Baseball, and concerts; Spofford and Cole School events, such as Sticks & Stones, and band concerts; BAA Men's Softball games, and the BTA/BOLT Running Festival.

We have received many positive responses from grand-parents and other relatives who live out of state and want to watch these games. In fact, several parents traveling for business have been

able to watch their children's games while waiting in an airport, in a hotel, and even on a flight in progress!

The Town of Topsfield renewed BCATv's contract to manage the Topsfield Cable Access Media (TCAM) station through June 30, 2019. (We have already submitted a proposal to Topsfield for Fiscal 2020.) BCATv has been providing 24/7 programming as well as live coverage of select government meetings. All additional costs related to this contract are paid for by Topsfield, plus Topsfield shares approximately half of the cost for BCATv produced Masco events, Tri-Town sporting events, and concerts that are broadcast in both towns.

Jonathan Rivers continues to remotely schedule the TCAM channel on a weekly basis. Ben, Maddy, and now Noah Demers from Topsfield have religiously setup equipment at Proctor School, Topsfield Library, and now at Topsfield Town Hall for live Selectmen and Topsfield School Committee meetings again this past year.

BCATv sponsored Josh DeVelis from Boxford and Peter Kitsakos from Topsfield in the Masco Senior Internship Program, which runs for 5 weeks following April school vacation. Brad Sweet was their on-site mentor.

Josh DeVelis learned how to use our video editing software. He edited the 4-camera footage from Masco Frolics, created the cover art for the DVD case, and produced a 2 DVD set which Masco had taken orders for. Josh also ran camera for several Masco Baseball games and some other events. Josh also created an original short video, which he wrote, directed, and edited.

Peter Kitsakos created a highlights video for the Masco Spring Track team, which he was a part of. Peter carried a full load of honor courses, so his internship was limited to a couple of weeks. In order to help him out, BCATv provided the original video footage we had recorded for 2 Spring track meets at Masco.

Using proceeds from ongoing DVD sales, we established a scholarship fund 3 years ago for graduating seniors who have made significant contributions to BCATv over the years. This past year we awarded a \$500 scholarship to Mike Anderson of Boxford and to Ethan Grammer formerly of Topsfield, now of Salina, CA, for their contributions to BCATv. Mike started with BCATv as a Junior and Ethan as a 5th grader. Both are still involved with BCATv.

This coming year we plan to upgrade the 13-year-old robotic camera equipment and audio in Meeting Room 2 at Boxford Town Hall and install a robotic camera with audio in Conference Room 2, and possibly the Police Station Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Sweet, General Manager and Controller
Rick Rivers, President; Melissa Scheirey, VP; and Doug Dillon, Treasurer - Boxford Cable Access Television Board of Directors