

Fairhaven Cable Access Television



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Fairhaven Cable Access Television has gone through a few transitions in 2018. With the unfortunate passing of our past Director, Bobby Bruso we were at a standstill with all the initiatives he had started. Mr. Bruso was responsible for purchasing much of the hi-tech equipment to get the Studio started. We are very grateful for all Mr. Bruso did for the Town of Fairhaven in his short time with us. We have since named the Bobby Bruso Cable Television Studio in remembrance of him and a Scholarship Fund has been started in his name. For more information email BobbyBrusoScholarship@gmail.com.

Moving forward, we were able to hire an equally talented young man, Derek Frates, formerly from Dartmouth Community Television. Mr. Frates started working with us this year in July, and he hit the ground running. Mr. Frates and our crew of talented videographers were out filming many Fairhaven Public Community events during the Summer as well as covering a plethora of government meetings.

Prior to Mr. Frates coming aboard, a new 10-year cable television renewal license was signed between Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC and Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. This contract is available to view on the Town of Fairhaven website on the Cable Advisory Committee page. (www.fairhaven-ma.gov/cable-advisory-committee)

Government Access – Channel 18:

The following government meetings are filmed regularly, broadcasted live when possible, replayed on channel 18, and are available to view on demand at www.fairhaventv.com and at www.livestream.com/fairhavenlive: Agricultural Commission, Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Board of Public Works, Board of Selectmen, Cable Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Economic Development Council, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Marine Resource Committee, Planning Board, School Committee, and Town Meeting.

Public meetings, forums, press conferences and ribbon cuttings are also filmed upon request. In addition, Mr. Frates has been working with other department heads to create public service announcements and informational videos to keep residents informed as to happenings around town. These are posted to www.facebook.com/fairhaventv as well as replayed on channel 18. Examples include Board of Health recycling guidelines, Board of Public Works water flushing informational video, and a new series – Adopt a Pet with the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer.

Other events filmed for government access include the annual 4th of July Independence Day ceremony, U.S. Coast Guard Eagle's arrival in August, Fairhaven Fire Department's annual open house and the Veterans' Day Parade and ceremony.

Community/Public Access – Channel 95:

A huge accomplishment that occurred this past October was bringing back channel 95 for public access programming. For the first time in nearly a decade community events were broadcast and are available on demand at www.fairhaventv.com and on the Fairhaven Community Media YouTube page.

A Haunted Open House Halloween Event was held at the Town Hall on October 25th to introduce the public to channel 95. A new logo was unveiled for Fairhaven Community Media. A huge success, it was attended by over 100+ children and their families. Pictures were taken with different backgrounds available to be used as a souvenir that families were able to take home. Community organization tables were set up with information and trick or treat stations, and there was even a magician for the kids. A very well attended event that may just happen annually.

Other events filmed for Fairhaven Community Media this year included all five Music in the Center concerts on the front lawn of town hall, the U.S. Coast Guard Band special concert, highlights of the Homecoming Fair, Legendary Street Rods Car Show, Fairhaven's National Night Out with the Police Dept., Harvest Fun Day, Old Time Holiday Fair and various other holiday celebrations around town.

Community residents and organizations have shown interest in beginning the process of learning how to direct, produce and/or star in their own Channel 95 TV show. Workshops and trainings will be available to any Fairhaven resident looking to create their own show, please follow us on Facebook and at www.fairhaventv.com and www.facebook.com/fairhaventv to learn more about YOU becoming a MEDIA SENSATION!