

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY ACCESS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – July, 2017

On May 11, 2009 the Hanover Community Access and Media (CAM) committee was created at the Annual Hanover Town Meeting to establish an organization responsible to provide Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) television services to the cable television subscribers of the TOWN OF HANOVER. The funds are overseen by the Town Manager. The committee is constituted annually as follows: one member appointed by the School Committee, one member appointed by the Superintendent of Schools, two members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and three members appointed by the Town Moderator. CAM acts as an independent committee serving the TOWN community. CAM makes recommendations relating to the use of the funding from Verizon and Comcast/Xfinity. Both Verizon and Comcast/Xfinity air three (3) channels of Educational, Government and Public programming for the Town.

Education Channel: Since 2015-2016 HCTV with the High School (HHS) created an elective class in Broadcast Journalism at HHS. The course continues to be fully enrolled. This year, a new teacher was hired to teach the class. A CAM goal is to have a more advanced class created to build on the current class. HCTV's equipment upgrades have allowed HCTV to provide quality broadcasts in a variety of HHS events including but not limited to sports, music and theater. With HCTV'S equipment upgrades, the Middle School was able to build a new studio, using the stations earlier equipment. CAM hopes to get more children involved at a younger age. The elementary school has its own show, the "Anchor TV Show", that reports on the current happenings in the schools.

Government Channel: Consists of the School Committee meetings, Board of Selectmen meetings and Town meetings broadcast live. Sound and clarity improvements have been made to the station equipment for quality viewing and listening. CAM is encouraging HCTV to create new content to explain our Town government and the process.

Public Channel: The "Healthy Hanover Show" is aired with new content monthly. CAM wants more community involvement with HCTV and the creation of more new programs. HCTV has hired a new staff member to assist in this new programs. CAM's goal is for the Public Station to have a "Chronicle style" program about the happenings in and around Hanover.

HCTV studio is located inside HHS with a production office, editing station and area for live broadcasts. CAM's goal for the studio is to improve its visibility with signage at its current location and through social media.

Respectfully Submitted,
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