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**Annual Report** 

# **PlaistowAccess** looks to the future with recent upgrades to equipment and services offered.

2017 began with the completion of an equipment upgrade in Town Hall's 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Cameras that were over ten years old have been replaced with new HD equipment for clearer images and higher quality recordings. Meetings and events in this facility are not only broadcast live on Channel 17, but are also available for online viewing. While there is no such thing as a completely "future-proof" upgrade, we are continuing to grow and accommodate modern expectations. We have streamlined our workflow to have programming uploaded to our Vimeo feed in a timelier manner. By the time this has been published, we hope to be providing Livestream coverage of Selectmen, Budget, Planning, and Zoning Board meetings. This will allow viewers to view our live broadcasts online, from locations beyond the reach of local cable. I would like to thank all cable subscribers, committee members, town administration, and citizens of Plaistow for their support of these projects.



PlaistowAccess cameras and equipment in position to cover various community events.

## **Committed to Covering our Community and Government**

PlaistowAccess has covered several events on an annual basis. These events include seasonal features such as Warrant Articles Review, "Easter in Plaistow", various Patriotic Activities, Old Home Day, "Halloween in Plaistow", and "December in Plaistow"

#### In addition to regular coverage, we have broadcast/published the following special events in 2018:

- Plaistow Public Library Brick Dedication
- Plaistow Public Library Telescope Demonstration
- Run of the Savages
- Dimitrios Gavriel Memorial Bridge Dedication, handled by Atkinson/ACTV and PlaistowAccess
- Santa Live on Channel 23
- Several TCB concerts, including Valentines' Day, Old Home Day, and Veterans' Day performances

On Government Channel 17, several Boards and Committees are televised on a regular basis - Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Budget Committee, and Deliberative Session. These meetings are all available on Vimeo, in addition to replaying on Channel 17.

#### Additional Government Programs and Meetings Broadcast in 2018:

- Plaistow Candidates' Night at Plaistow Public Library
- Potable Water Informational Session
- Atkinson/Plaistow GOP Primary Forum (Courtesy ACTV)

### Our Staff, Volunteers, and Committee Members:

Special thanks to all who have been a part of our team this year. The Plaistow Cable Advisory Committee (PCAC) in 2017 consisted of **Heather Beaulieu**, **Peter Bracci** (BOS Liaison), **Jay DeRoche**, and **Susan Sherman**. New members are always welcome! PCAC meets at the Town Hall Basement Studio; meeting schedule can be found online or at Town Hall. The committee has been very active in producing content for both channels. We would also like to recognize two members of our crew for 2018, **Frank Fiorella** and **Johnathan Merry-Carreiro**. Frank and John are our broadcast operators who regularly handle live meeting coverage, and other special events as well.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments about our programming, facility, or the station in general. As always, we welcome new volunteers and committee members to help shape our future!

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