

CABLE NCAT – 20

We spent a better part of this past year working with Comcast on renewing their franchise agreement with the Town on Newton. The new contract is for 10 years, which is standard. The franchise agreement gives Comcast the right to supply cable television in Newton to subscribers of their service. It also gives the town a PEG channel that is then broadcasted on channel 20. This agreement only covers cable television. Not covered are internet and phone services.

We have added more quality broadcasting programs to our lineup. These programs we receive as part of our yearly subscription to NHCCM (New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media). We also did three live broadcasts for the Newton Historical Society which was well received by the community. We hope to broadcast more of these types of programs.

This year we said goodbye to 2 of our cable operators and welcomed in 2 new operators. The transition was seamless. The new operators picked up the job very quickly. We were fortunate to have hired one operator with broadcast TV experience. She has taken over a major role in managing the station. Our other new operator is responsible for all the colorful slides you see on our channel.

We encourage you to share your ideas, thoughts and comments with us. You can reach us via email at cable@newtonnh.net

Respectfully submitted,
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