

The past year for North Brookfield Local Public Access Cable has been great. Our previous investments are paying off. Our tigtrope video backbone is serving our needs perfectly to in order to operate channels 191, 192, and 194. We successfully negotiated a 5 year contract with Charter that continues to provide funding. Today, technology is advancing rapidly, and we have been making sure to conduct LPAC in a manner so that it adapts so that it does not become obsolete. We are pleased to announce that we have made many major improvements that can be seen in our productions.

One major project we undertook was the installation of fiber optics throughout the town and to our headend in Oxford. This has allowed us to implement remote cameras and audio that allow us to produce shows off site in our studio. This cuts down on setup time and allows a show to be produced with minimal staff if necessary. This also allows us to centralize our equipment so we can focus all our technological upgrades to one place. Replacing the old coax with fiber to the headend allows us to transmit the best possible standard definition signal possible to Charter which cleans up fuzzy picture and humming audio.

We have also continued our coverage of North Brookfield High School sporting events. Particularly we have made improvements to our equipment for high school basketball games. All home basketball games are now streamed live for the public to view. Improvements to equipment have also allowed us to produce multiple live shows at once so we can produce a basketball game and still get the Selectmen on the air at the same time. We also made upgrades to the equipment in the First Congregational Church that allow for high definition video on demand.

We have continued to put an emphasis on adding new LPAC members to ensure our future success. As always we are looking for new members and suggestions. Feel free to contact us at studio@nblpac.org or 508-867-7838.