WBLQ QUARTERLY REPORT 2014 – Q3

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As a full service community minded radio station, WBLQ is home to many talk show programs of local interest. Every weekday morning, listeners are greeted with local news, weather, sports and conversational talk that involve listener participation. WBLQ's morning show program airs weekdays from 7am to 9am and features guests from around the community speaking about a wide array of local issues. Along with hosts Ken Collins, Joe Cugini and Mark Sullivan, below is a list of local community activists that appear on this show as guests in a regularly scheduled time spot and a brief description about the issues they cover.

Liz Pasqualini – Liz is the Director of The Bradford Jonnycake Center of Westerly. The Jonnycake Center is a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing, educational and financial assistance to those in need in the Westerly area. Liz can be heard every other Tuesday on WBLQ since 2009 talking about current initiatives and informing the public about how they can access assistance from The Jonnycake Center during times of need.

Joy Cordio – Joy is the Volunteer Coordinator at Westerly Area Rest Meals (WARM). WARM provides a continuum of care and service to the homeless and needy by providing emergency shelter, affordable housing and assuring supportive services, and to help the homeless and needy build self-esteem and move toward independent and responsible living. Joy can be heard on WBLQ every other Wednesday speaking about WARM's activities in the community, fundraisers and outreach programs. In March of 2013, WARM presented Chris DiPaola and WBLQ with the John McCormick Award in recognition of our support to the needs of our community.

David Henley – David is the Development Coordinator at Wood River Health Services (WRHS). Wood River Health Services provide quality, affordable medical, dental and related services to all patients in the local area, regardless of their ability to pay. The Board and Staff of WRHS believe that health care is a right; no one will be denied care based on ability to pay. David is committed to educating the public to WRHS's services so no perceived barriers exist in accessing care locally. This issue is especially important in our area with the recent bankruptcy and scale back of services offered at The Westerly Hospital. David is heard every other Tuesday on WBLQ in a regular guest spot he has held since 2011

Caswell Cooke Jr. – Caswell serves as a member of the Westerly Town Council, he serves as liaison to the North End Crime Watch. Caswell is Executive Director and founder of the Misquamicut Business Association, which promotes a family-friendly beach and has worked since 2000 to re-invent and redefine the image of Misquamicut. Caswell appears on WBLQ at least once a month to address the public about issues such as the towns move towards alternative energy and recycling as well as updating listeners on current road, sidewalk and infrastructure improvements. As a coastal community that depends on tourist revenue, it has been especially important to update our listeners about the ongoing recovery efforts in order to restore the damaged beaches as well as the commercial and residential properties near the beach. In June of 2013, The Westerly Town Council extended a commendation to WBLQ in recognition of our assistance with response and recovery efforts during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Rev Joshua McClure. – Rev. McClure is the retired pastor of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church in Westerly and a board member of the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (PNC) in Pawcatuck Connecticut. Since the mid 80s, Rev. McClure has been an advocate for low-income people in our area. The PNC in a non-profit organization that runs a pantry for the less fortunate in our area to go to acquire clothing, food and household items free of charge. They also help families with heating and rental assistance. Rev McClure is a guest on WBLQ every other Friday and hosts his own half hour Christian radio program on Sunday mornings.