

W X Y W

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

FREQUENCY MODULATION

FM

First licensed

W X Y W (EFF. 10-28-80)

Call Letters XW E A D

Station Location Winchendon, Massachusetts

Name NORTH ANKE CORPORATION

Transmitter Location On Central Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts

Main studio location SAME AS TRANS. SITE

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH10037 HAAT: 300' (H&V) (L)	2-1-80	97.7mhz ERP: 3.0kw (H&V) TPO: 2.55kw Ch.# 249 CP FOR NEW FM STATION	2-1-81
BPH10037 (1)	7-28-80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED & EDSA 468 ISSUED	
E B S A	10-28-80	CALL SIGN CHANGE	
BMFH-801229AN (2)	2-12-81	MP (BMFH-10037) for ext. of time to:	8-11-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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NEW-FM

Call
Letters

Northbanke Corporation

Name Winchendon, Massachusetts (PO 15 Thatcher Street, Brookline, Mass. 01475)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-10,037	6-30-76	CP for new FM on: 97.5MHz #249	DESIGNATED FOR HEARING	
R & F	6-30-76	ERP: 3KW(H&V) HAAT: 300' (H&V)		
\$200-586761	7-1-76	Trans. McMartin-BF-3.5K; Ant: Phelps Dodge-CFM	MIN	SEP 13 1976
AC:001		LP-3,3 sects (H&V)		#79-234
PRESS:	SEP 21 1976	TL & SL: 1000' W of Central Street, 2200' N of	GRANTED	2-1-80
PNREC'D		Elmwood Central, Winchendon, Massachusetts		
		42° 42' 20" 72° 02' 58"		
		Atty: -----		
		Engr: Howard Mullinake Associates (Waltham, Mass.)		
	12-1-76	PETITION TO DENY OR DEFER ACTION filed by John		
		Tierney on behalf of Lakes Region Broadcasting Corporation, Inc.		
	12-14-76	OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR DEFER ACTION		
		filed by John P. Bankson on behalf of Northbanke Corporation		
	12-28-76	REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR DEFER ACTION FILED BY		
		John Tierney on behalf of applicant		
		P. O. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		
			OVER	

AMENDED 5-8-78 re financial, community leader survey,
and programming

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W X Y W

97.5MHz.

Name: NORTHBANKE CORPORATION

Station Location: WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPH801229AN PRESS (O)FEB	6 1981	MP (BPH-10,037) For Extension of Time to: <u>7-30-81</u> (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: 2-12-81 TO: 8-11-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

