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**Subject:** Tri-Town Report for January Council Meetings

Merrie/Lauren,

Please distribute the attached report to the usual distribution.

Thank you.

Allan

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**To:** Tri-Town Councils  
**Cc:** BCWA Directors, Tri-Town State Senators and Representatives, and Key Staff  
**Subj:** Report for January Council Meetings:

Following are the highlights of the December meeting:

Washington Trust presented their Annual Review of the BCWA Pension Trust Fund. With recent advances in the Stock Market, the Fund is almost fully funded at \$4.4 Million. It was recommended that we retain our current Equity/Bond ratio of 70/30.

As previously reported the Phase 1 connection project is almost complete. Unexpected ledge is being removed so the last piping connection can be installed and the metering station will soon be available for installation. Phase 2 design continues with yet additional complexities arising from Federal Agencies due to its crossing Rt.195.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded us a grant of \$1,381,000 that brings the total amount of grants secured to \$2,821,000 that should cover the cost of the Kickemuit Dam Removal Project.

In July, Directors approved a contract award to Communications Systems Inc. to provide a new security access system to the administrative building. Such improvements were recommended in the Risk and Resiliency Analysis as required by the American Water Infrastructure Act. Directors awarded an additional contract of \$16,954 (with contingency not to exceed 20%) for a total of \$20,345 to CSI to provide similar card access systems at two pumping stations.

Upon detailed reports by the Finance Committee and Dan Hughes, CFO, Directors approved the FY 2023 (starting Feb. 1, 2022) Operations & Maintenance Budget of \$9,028,137 and the companion Infrastructure & Capital Plan Budget of \$10,395,000. In line with BCWA Policy, a Public Hearing will be held in January prior to setting the rate increase for that period.

A Net Quarterly Wright Off of \$6,806 (1.54% of Revenues) was reported.

Executive Director Stephen Coutu and Attorney Joseph Keough, Jr. finalized three agreements with the City of East Providence: Pump Station Transfer Agreement to transfer the pump station on Pawtucket Avenue in East Providence; Interconnection Agreement that will govern the parties respective usage of the pump station and the 16" and 24" emergency interconnections; and a Cost Sharing Agreement for the engineering costs required for Phase II of the Pawtucket Pipeline;. Directors granted conditional approval pending approval by the East Providence City Council. *While the first two Agreements follow onto current programs, the Phase II design cost sharing agreement marks a significant advance towards EP ultimately joining with BCWA in construction costs.*

As usual, this report contains personal views of considerations and actions and is not an official publication of the BCWA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan Klepper, Barrington Director, BCWA Chair

