



**Tri-Town Monthly Report
Summary of Notable Activities and Reports
from the
December 11, 2025, BCWA Meeting**

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- 1. O&M and Capital Budget Approval** — At its meeting, the Board discussed and approved the FY 2027 O&M and Capital budget as recommended by the Finance Committee (The BCWA fiscal year begins March 1). The Operations and Maintenance budget amount is \$9,630,648 and is based on a proposed 3% rate increase. All other fees and charges are proposed to remain at current levels. **A public hearing for the proposed rate increase will be on January 22, 2026, at 5:00 pm.**

The 10-year Capital Budget includes projects paid from available cash and bond financing. Next year's Capital Budget proposes to continue to address aging infrastructure needs by increasing the amount spent on needed replacement of water mains from \$2 million in 2026 to \$3.8 million in the next fiscal year. A major project that is planned to be initiated this fiscal year and was previously outlined and anticipated is noted in item 3. Through prudent fiscal management over the last several years and into the future, we believe we will be able to initiate many significant projects that will continue to bring major benefits to Bristol County Water and our customers over the next 10 years.

Details on the proposed budget and capital plan are available on request and will be available soon on the BCWA website.

- 2. Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project** — The design continues. The 90% Roadway utility design plans have been completed and submitted to BCWA and East Providence for review. They will then be submitted to RIDOT as part of a Utility Permit Application package.
 - a. The I-195 Crossing is at 60% design stage.
 - b. The Ten Mile River Crossing nearing the 90% design stage.
 - c. The P&W Railroad Crossing approaching the 90% design stage.
 - d. The Genessee & Wyoming Railroad Crossing is at the 60% design stage.
 - e. The Blending & Control Station is at a preliminary design stage. It was agreed by BCWA and EP that there would be independent controls for each agency's facilities.
 - f. Permitting is also at various stages at present. The permit for the I-195 crossing is expected to be submitted to RIDOT/FHWA in December 2025.
- 3. BCWA Operations Buildings** — As a result of an interdisciplinary design charette that was completed last month, the Properties Committee met to review the resulting concept plan for the new operations–vehicle storage–maintenance building using the site of the former water

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treatment facility. An 18,400sf pre-engineered building is proposed with appropriate and supporting hardscaping and landscaping. This new building will necessitate the demolition of two of the existing buildings. The only building not affected by this project is the small brick building on Child Street adjacent to the Kickemuit River. The BCWA Properties Committee recommended that the board advance the concept plan as presented to the 30% design stage. The Board voted to do so. Initial estimate for construction (without demolition and engineering) is approximately \$15.8 million.

4. **Former Upper Kickemuit Dam Area Well Testing** — Prior to this project being started, BCWA tested the private wells of 12 property owners in the area (with their permission). No issues or concerns were identified at that time. Follow-up testing is being offered to these property owners now that the project is complete.
5. **Water System Improvements** — Water main break season is upon us with staff having already responded to various breaks in the system.
6. **Water Purchases from the Scituate Reservoir** — Water purchases for the months of October and November 2025 were both 4% less than the prior 5-year average. However, cumulatively for the year, water purchases are 1% greater than last year but remain 2% less than the prior 5-year average.
7. **Financial Management** — The Finance Committee met during the month of October and identified, proposed, and/or adopted a number of management and operational policies and procedures that will further enhance our internal financial management. Additional meetings will be held in the new year.
8. **Board Member Retirement** — Bill Gosselin, who has served on the BCWA Board representing the Town of Warren for an incredible 18 years, has announced his resignation. During that time, Bill served as chairman of various committees and was Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for nine years. He has been an exemplary member with whom we were proud to serve. His very active participation, superb leadership, guidance and friendship will be missed. We wish him well and a very enjoyable retirement. Thank you, Bill!
9. **Next Meetings — At BCWA Offices 450 Child Street, Warren.**
 - 5:00PM, Thursday January 22, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Rate Increase
 - 5:30PM, Thursday January 22, 2026, Monthly Meeting of Board

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Respectfully submitted,



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