

Tri-Town Monthly Report Summary of Notable Activities and Reports from the May 29, 2025, BCWA Annual Meeting & May 29, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting

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Annual Meeting

- 1. Science Fair Awards: As part of a long tradition, the BCWA again participated in the Rhode Island Science Fair. This year's BCWA awards for water-related projects done by students attending schools in Bristol County went to:
 - Junior Division
 - Elise Ahmed of St. Luke School in Barrington
 - Elise DeSousa of St. Luke School in Barrington
 - Senior Division
 - No water-related projects this year

2. Election of BCWA Officers:

- a. Juan Mariscal of Bristol, Chair
- b. Thomas Kraig of Barrington, Vice Chair
- c. Christopher Stanley of Warren, Treasurer/Secretary

3. Committee Member Appointments

Finance Committee

Steve Gross of Barrington, Chair Richard Fournier of Bristol Christopher Stanley of Warren

Personnel/Compensation Committee

John Jannitto of Warren, Chair Steve Gross of Barrington Juan Mariscal of Bristol **Properties Committee** Robert Martin of Bristol, Chair David Fales of Barrington Christopher Stanley of Warren

Policies & Procedures Committee Thomas Kraig of Barrington, Chair Bill Gosselin of Warren Robert Martin of Bristol

Board Meeting

1. Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project: An updated design schedule was provided by the Beta Group. Primary determinate on schedule is regulatory agency approval time frame. It is expected that a submittal will be made to these agencies

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by the end of the summer. One portion of the project (involving a blending and control station) is on a different later time schedule.

 Water Distribution System Projects: Due to community impact concerns (school bus schedules & routes and 4th of July celebrations) planned work on the 2025 Capital Improvement Projects will not start until July. Work is continuing on the 2024 projects.

The Spring water system flushing has been completed.

- 3. Kickemuit Dam Removal Project: At the Upper Dam, the contractor is in the process of doing some additional dredging, fine grading, and seeding of the land. In addition, a small parking area is being created for future public access to the conservation lands as requested by the Warren Conservation Commission.
- 4. Request for Proposals: Building Reuse To Be Issued At the request of the Warren Town Manager, the Chairman and Executive Director participated in a "Zoom" meeting with officials from the Town of Warren to discuss our plans to issue a Request for Proposals for Adaptive Reuse of two of BCWA's Child Street former treatment facility buildings. The Town was supportive of our efforts and we welcomed their thoughts and input. An RFP will be issued in the next couple of weeks.
- 5. Water Purchases from Providence Water Supply Board: Water purchases continue to decline. The month of April 2025 was down slightly by about 4% from last April and about 4% down from the prior five-year average.
- 6. Lead Service Line Replacement Program: Our contractor, Dewcon, has removed ALL BCWA (public-side) lead services.

Over the next few months BCWA will be working with 120Water (a Health Department contractor) and the RI Rural Water Association on a State-funded effort to assist the BCWA in identifying **private** property service lines for which we do not know the type of material used in their water connections. There are about 360 customers in this category. They will be contacted directly (see attached letter to these customers).

7. Bid Approvals

- **a.** Purchase of Ford F250 Utility Truck from low bidder, Jack Madden Ford (quotes from pre-qualified vendors on Rhode Island Master Price Agreement)
- b. Permanent Pavement Restorations Annual Contract to low bidder JML Excavation
- c. Annual Maintenance and Service Work Contract to low bidder JML Excavation
- **d.** FY26 Water Main and Stock Materials Bid and Award to six low bidders (dependent on material supplied):

Warwick WinWater	E.J. Prescott
Ferguson Waterworks	Hoadley & Sons
Stiles Company	Putnam Pipe

- 8. Quarterly Write-Offs: Non-collection amounts written off for the quarter totaled \$4,379 out of an approximate billing of \$4.1M or a percent non-collected of 0.11%.
- 9. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 5:00pm BCWA Offices 450 Child Street, Warren.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Juan Mariscal, Chairman, BCWA



Dear Customer,

The Bristol County Water Authority (BCWA) is required by a recent EPA regulation to compile an inventory of the service lines that provide drinking water to customer properties. This is a safe drinking water initiative designed to identify hazardous materials like lead so that plans and funding can be developed for potential future replacement projects.

Because your property was constructed before lead was banned from use in water pipes, BCWA must perform an inspection of your water service line to determine its material.

This inspection is part of the utility's compliance program ensuring the safety of the water system pursuant to EPA requirements under the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). The inspection may include accessing indoor plumbing and outdoor areas where the water service line is located to determine the service line's material.

Through a program available from the Rhode Island Department of Health, BCWA has partnered with 120Water and the Rhode Island Rural Water Association (RIRWA) to perform these inspections. As such, there will be no cost to you to complete this work. Representatives from RIRWA will be reaching out to coordinate inspection schedules for your property. In general, inspections will be scheduled in 2-hour windows taking place on weekdays between 8am and 5pm and will require you to be home to provide access for the technician.

To schedule your inspection please contact RI Rural Water Association:

Phone: (401) 500-5545

If you reach voicemail, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Email: RIRWA@RIRWA.org

If you have information about your water service line material or prefer to perform your own inspection (which may eliminate the need for a scheduled inspection), you may submit your information online:

Online: https://bcwari.com/lead-inventory-survey/

Or use your smartphone to scan this QR Code:

Thank you for your help!

BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

