

## Tri-Town Monthly Report Summary of Notable Activities and Reports from the April 24, 2025, BCWA Board of Directors Meeting

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- Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project: The plans are advancing to the 90% completion stage. Recent comments from the City of East Providence and RI Energy are being taken into consideration in the design. It is expected that the plans will be ready for submittal to the regulatory agencies for their review and approval this Summer.
- 2. Upper and Lower Kickemuit Dams Removal Project
  - a. Work on the lower dam is complete.
  - **b.** For the upper dam, the work is essentially complete. Final plantings and landscaping are expected to be done in May.
  - **c.** Representatives from the RIDEM Dam Safety Program inspected the sites on April 4<sup>th</sup>. DEM was pleased with the work and, as a result, the dams will be removed from the State's dam database.
- 3. Water Distribution System Projects: Due to community impact concerns (school bus schedules & routes and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations), planned work on the 2025 Capital Improvement Projects will not start until July. Work is continuing on the 2024 projects.

System improvements continue (upgrading/repairs of valves, hydrants and service work). Spring flushing of the system has begun and will continue to the rest of the system over the next month. The schedule is as follows:

Week of 4/20 – Barrington
Week of 4/27 – Barrington and Warren
Week of 5/4 – Warren and Bristol
Week of 5/11 – Bristol

- 4. Request for Proposals: Building Reuse To Be Issued After input from the community at public meetings of the BCWA Properties Committee, the BCWA will be seeking proposals from interested parties for the adaptive reuse of BCWA buildings associated with the former water treatment facility. This RFP focuses on two early buildings at 450 and 472 Child Street that are now no longer needed for their original purposes. The RFP is scheduled to be issued in early May, and responses are presently scheduled to be received by June 25, 2025. While the RFP provides considerably more detail, included in the objectives of the project are the redevelopment of the buildings to enhance their historic value while being environmentally sustainable with special emphasis on the proximity to riverfront and the Town's planning requirements while "remaining realistic and achievable with a reasonable timeframe."
- 5. Water Purchases from Providence Water Supply Board: Water purchases for the month of March 2025 were down slightly by about 1% from last March. For the fiscal year water purchases are down about 3% than the prior five-year average.

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- **6.** Lead Service Line Replacement Program: Our contractor, Dewcon, has remobilized and started work for this year. Replacement of the remaining 15 BCWA lead services is on-going.
- **7. Bond Counsel Services Contract:** After review of three proposals received in response to a BCWA-issued Request For Proposals, the Board awarded a three-year contract to Mack Law Associates.
- 8. Property Security Systems: Building and property security systems have been updated.
- **9. Spring Clean-Up Activities**: Staff initiation of Spring clean-up activity at all BCWA properties. Of particular note was a grounds clean-up of the Swansea Reservoir property.
- **10. Personnel**: BCWA recently hired a new Water Utility Operator.

Operations staff attended technical training sessions at the New England Water Works Association's Spring Conference. This provides continuing education credits for state licensing.

## 11. Next Meeting(s):

- a. Annual Meeting, May 29, 2025, at 5:00pm BCWA Offices, 450 Child Street, Warren
- b. Board Meeting, May 29, 2025, at 5:30pm BCWA Offices, 450 Child Street, Warren

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Respectfully submitted,

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