



**Tri-Town Monthly Report
To Bristol, Barrington & Warren Town Councils**

**Summary of Notable Activities and Reports
from the
7/27/2023 BCWA Board of Directors Meeting**

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1. **FY2023 Annual Report and Audit/Financial Report:** This combination Annual Report and Audit/Financial Report was distributed to BCWA Board members at the meeting. Copies of the report are being sent to town council members, legislators, and other elected officials. Copies are also available to the public on request and can be read also on the BCWA website.

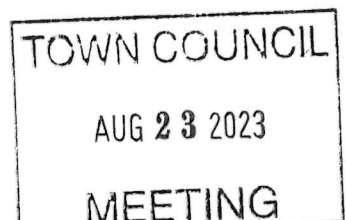
The BCWA's fiscal year ends on February 28. The Annual Audit/Financial Report reflects the 12-month period prior to that. Our Auditors, Hague, Sahady & Co. issued a "clean opinion" of BCWA's financial management system, its records and reporting.

2. **Upper and Lower Kickemuit Dam Removal Project:** As mentioned in last month's report, this project went out to bid on May 17, 2023. A pre-bid meeting and walk-through of the project was held on May 30, 2023, and was attended by several experienced contractors. Bids from two contractors were received and opened on June 22nd. The bids were considerably higher than the original engineering estimates.

After considerable review and analysis of the bids, BCWA staff and consultants determined that to minimize delays with initiating this project, and in accordance with state procurement requirements, a meeting would be held with both bidders individually. The purpose of these meetings would be to better understand the approaches of both companies and to afford them an opportunity to adjust their bids, if they so choose. The final bids received resulted in considerable reductions in both companies' bids. The original low bidder, Luciano Excavation, Inc., remained the low bidder for the project.

As a result, the Board approved the contract award to Luciano Excavation, Inc. for \$3,881,620 for the dam removal project. Funding for this project is from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, DEM's Climate Resilience Fund and BCWA Capital Budget.

The Board also approved a contract amendment for Pare Corp. to provide construction inspection and contract administration for this project for an amount of \$145,901. Funding of up to \$106,000 of this amount would be supported by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.



3. **Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply Board System Project:** The project continues to move along. A draft contract with PWSB is under review by our staff and consultants. Once this draft is completed, legal review will begin.
4. **Administration Building Roof:** A&M Sheetmetal & Roofing was awarded this contract. These improvements are expected to be completed by the fall.
5. **Demolition of the former Child Street Water Treatment Facility:** The first phase of demolition is nearly complete.
6. **Hope Street Pumping Station:** As mentioned previously this project has been substantially delayed due to supply chain issues associated with electrical and mechanical equipment, supplies and parts. A portion of some equipment has recently been received by our contractors. We are still hopeful that these shortages will be resolved and the project completed by the end of the year.
7. **Distribution System Projects:**
 - a. Cleaning and lining work on Rumstick Road in Barrington has been completed. Permanent trench restoration will be done in the fall.
 - b. Cleaning and lining work on Burnside Street in Bristol has been completed.
 - c. Immediately after the 4th of July and while school is not in session, work on Bradford and Central Streets in Bristol commenced. This involves the cleaning and cement mortar lining of the interior of old cast iron pipes. Fire hydrants will also be replaced. In addition, some service lines will be replaced to the property lines. This work will improve water quality and flow in the area and is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. This work will be coordinated with RI Energy, which is installing new gas mains in the area, as well as the Town, which is replacing sidewalks on south Central Street.
9. **Customer Communications:** In addition to the BCWA website, the BCWA has a Facebook page (facebook.com/BristolCountyWaterAuthority/). The number of visitors to the site have continued to grow with an average of over 2,000 persons visiting the page each month.

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Respectfully submitted,
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