

## Tri-Town Monthly Report Summary of Notable Activities and Reports from the September 25, 2025, BCWA Meeting

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1. Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule: Our Fall hydrant flushing program has begun in the evenings, from Sunday through Thursday nights. A notice has been placed in the local newspapers and on the BCWA website and Facebook page.

## Planned Schedule:

- Week of 9/28 Barrington
- Week of 10/5 Barrington and Warren
- Week of 10/12 Warren and Bristol
- Week of 10/19 Bristol
- 2. Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project: Beta Engineering has begun submitting detailed monthly reports on their design progress. All permit applications are anticipated to be submitted to the appropriate regulatory agency by the end of October 2025. Actual submission of design plans to the RI DOH is expected in 2026. Utility easements needs and parcels have been identified for the project. Legal Counsel, staff and Beta will continue to meet with property owners to define the easements needed to be acquired to complete the project.
- 3. Lead Service Line Replacement Program: Earlier this month, as required by law, the BCWA submitted an annual service line report to various government officials and agencies, as well as to town officials in Barrington, Bristol and Warren. This report details the status of lead in the BCWA water system. The BCWA has replaced 59 public lead services and 14 public galvanized services. In addition, on the private services side, the BCWA, working with its contractor and the group 120Water, has inspected 197 service lines, with 11 being replaced. There are about 285 service lines for which no information is available on the materials used. BCWA continues to work on that situation.
- **4. Hydraulic Modeling:** The modeling has been completed regarding the Fountain Avenue Water Tank. We are awaiting delivery of the report. The Fountain Avenue Water Tank has been out of service for about a year without any adverse impact on water services in Barrington.
- **5. BCWA Properties & Properties Committee:** Several months ago, a BCWA Properties Committee was formed, in part to oversee and review the use of BCWA-owned Properties.
  - a. General A detailed compilation of information on BCWA-owned properties was prepared by the Director and provided to the Properties Committee members to advise

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them of the extent of BCWA land holdings. This will be the subject of a future Properties Committee meeting.

b. Former Treatment Plant Buildings – An RFP for the "Adaptive Reuse" had been issued on June 10th. Proposals were due on August 14th but unfortunately none were received. A meeting was held by the Properties Committee on September 11th to develop a possible course of action regarding these buildings. At the same time, BCWA staff and consultants are developing a use plan for the BCWA operations property on Serpentine Road. Considering this activity, the Board suspended taking any action on the future use or demolition of the former treatment plant buildings until the use plan is completed.

## 6. Water System Improvements:

**a. Warren: Child Street** – Former water connections to the abandoned treatment buildings have been disconnected. Water main work on the street also has been completed.

In addition, BCWA discovered that there were damaged, inoperable and leaky valves at the intersection of Child Street and Metacom Avenue. This busy intersection and complexity of the water system necessitated significant planning to address this situation quickly and efficiently. The work was scheduled for two late evening sessions and was done with limited disruptions to customers and without any impacts on daytime traffic.

- b. Bristol: Gooding Avenue at Naomi Street A new fire hydrant has been approved by the Bristol Fire Department and installed on Gooding Avenue. Water main installation has begun and a temporary bypass is in place to provide service to all affected customers.
- 7. **Personnel:** At present, BCWA is seeking to fill a vacant Water Utility Operator position and has placed advertisements seeking candidates.
- 8. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:00pm. Monthly Meeting BCWA Offices 450 Child Street, Warren.

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Respectfully submitted,

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