

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

**Summary of Notable Activities and Reports
from the
9/28/2023 BCWA Board of Directors Meeting**

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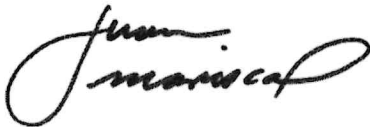
1. **Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project:** The design is about 60% complete at this point. Meetings were held with RI Department of Transportation regarding the crossing of I-195 and with the RI Department of Environmental Management Division of Wetlands regarding the Ten Mile River crossing. A draft contract with the Pawtucket Water Supply Board has been reviewed and commented on by our legal and technical consultants.
2. **Upper and Lower Kickemuit Dams Removal Project:** Our contractor, Lucianos Excavation, is planning to mobilize the first week in October. A press release was issued, which was a featured article in the local papers. The present schedule indicates that both dams will be removed by the end of this year.
3. **Administration Building Roof:** A&M Sheetmetal & Roofing started work this week on this project.
4. **Demolition of the Former Child Street Water Treatment Facility:** The demolition is complete. Some minor punch list items remain to be done.
5. **Hope Street Pumping Station:** Although some of the needed components for this project have been finally delivered, the overall project's completion is still hampered by delays in receiving all necessary electrical components.
6. **Distribution System Projects:**
 - a. A more detailed description on these projects can be found at bcwari.com/2023-water-distribution-system-improvement-program/
 - b. Work in Barrington is now focused on Annawamscutt Drive and should be completed by the end of this year's construction season. Final paving will be done in Spring 2024.
 - c. The BCWA is now using new signage at its construction sites, directing public attention to our website and providing the BCWA telephone number.
7. **Nayatt Road Pump Station Roof Replacement:** This BCWA facility was constructed in 1998 to house the equipment necessary to incorporate the East Bay Pipeline into the BCWA system. The original 25-year old roof is in need of a replacement. At the September Board meeting,

the Board approved a contract for this roof work with Dome Corporation for \$24,980 (with a 20% contingency) for a total project cost of \$29,976. Dome was the low bidder of the four bids submitted. The bidders were pre-qualified contractors through the State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreement (MPA).

8. **Landlord Vs Tenant Billing:** At a previous Board meeting, members raised the issue of the billing of water usage to the landlord versus the tenant. At present, BCWA bills the tenants. Our billing and collection system has been very successful in that the BCWA has a very low uncollectible percentage rate – i.e. 0.14% of revenues! The national average is between 0.4 to 0.6%. No change is expected in the present system. Hoping to further improve the present collection rate, BCWA is participating in the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program.
9. **Water Purchases:** Water purchases for the month of August were the lowest over the last 10 years, about 12% lower than the prior five-year average for the month. This is due in part to the exceptional rainy weather. For the year, purchases are down about 4% from the five-year average.
10. **Board of Directors Code of Conduct:** At the September meeting, the board voted to adopt a code of conduct for board members. This code is modeled after that which is in effect for BCWA employees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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