

## Tri-Town Monthly Report

### Summary of Notable Activities and Reports from the MARCH 26, 2026 BCWA Meeting

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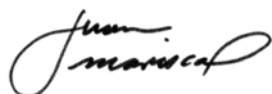
1. **Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project** — Design and permitting activities continue.
  - a. **“Roadway” Design @ 90% stage.** Design workshop held between BCWA, City of East Providence and Beta.
  - b. **Blending & Control Station Design @ 30% stage.** New site layout defined, design moving forward.
  - c. **Permitting Update**
    - Utility Permit Application: RIDOT— Awaiting comments to be provided by RIDOT.
    - Utility Permit Application (I-195 Crossing): RIDOT— To be submitted soon.
    - Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application: RIDEM— Comments received, under review at present.
    - Self-Verification Notification Form: US Army Corps of Engineers — Project complies with General Permit.
    - Utility Occupancy License (Utility Bridge): Genessee & Wyoming Railroad — Design approved. Occupancy license required. Application being prepared.
    - Utility Occupancy License (Trenchless Crossing): Genessee & Wyoming Railroad — Application submitted.
2. **Water System Improvements**
  - a. **Water System Breaks** — With the recent warmer weather, water main breaks due to the severe winter storms have eased. However, staff is still managing those storms effects with repair and replacement of damaged hydrants and water mains.
  - b. **Lead Service Line Replacement Program** — The project continues. With assistance from the RI DOH and its contractor, “the “120 Water and Rural Water Association” water utilities are required to validate 20% of the presumed non-lead private service lines.
  - c. **2027 Capital Improvement Program** — A Request For Proposals was issued on February 17. A pre-bid meeting was held on February 19. Proposals are due on March 12. This work in Warren (on Child Street, Metacom Avenue and Kickemuit Road) includes cleaning and lining of watermains, renewal of water services in the area as well as installation of related water system improvements.
3. **BCWA Properties**
  - a. **BCWA Operations Building** — Pare Corporation has initiated work to complete architectural and engineering design to the “30% Design” level for the 18,400 square foot building and associated site improvements and utilities. Initial meetings have been held with Pare on this project.

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- b. BCWA Swansea Properties** — Based on quotes received from three appraisal firms listed on the State Master Price Agreement to conduct appraisals. A contract award (\$11,500) was made to Peter Scotti & Associates to conduct appraisals on some specific BCWA properties in Swansea.
- 4. Former Upper Kickemuit Dam Area Well Testing** — Additional testing will be done in April. Six (out of 12) property owners did not participate in the testing. The next testing will be done in April, and additional outreach will be done to those property owners that have not yet participated.
- 5. Board Contract Approvals**
  - a. Calendar Year 2026 Agricultural Land Lease for Haying Fields** — After issuance of an RFP, this annual contract was awarded to Frerichs Farms, the sole bidder. The contract is for \$4,620.
  - b. Calendar Year 2026 Water Main Improvement Program** — This project designed by BCWA engineering staff defines the annual work program to address needs in the BCWA water services infrastructure. Bids were sought for the needed construction services. Two bids were received. The project was awarded to the low bidder, Boyle and Fogarty. The bid price was \$3,242,233. Additionally, police details, inspections and contingencies resulted in a project budget of \$3,800,000 which is included in the FY2027 Capital Budget.
  - c. Engineering Inspection Services for 2026 Construction Projects** — A contract for BCWA Construction Inspection Services with Pare Corporation was approved for an amount not to exceed \$222,500.
- 6. Water Purchases** — Water purchases from the Providence Water system for the month of February 2026 were the highest in over five years, at over 6% the five-year average. Both January 2026 and December 2025 were also about 5% greater than the five-year average. However, cumulatively for the year water purchases are down about 1% of the past five years.
- 7. Purchasing Policies** — After review by the BCWA Finance Committee, recommendations on changes to the BCWA Purchasing Policies were submitted and approved by the Board. Copies of these Policies are available from the BCWA.
- 8. Public Information Dissemination**
  - a.** A letter is being sent with the next water billings to all customers regarding the FY2027 (present fiscal year) rate increase (copy attached).
  - b.** Information on EPA's "Fix-A-Leak Week" (3/16 to 3/22) was added to the BCWA's website and Facebook page.
- 9. Next Meetings** — At BCWA Offices 450 Child Street, Warren.
  - **5:00PM, Thursday, April 26, 2026**, Monthly Meeting of Board
  - **5:00PM, Wednesday, May 27, 2026**, Annual Meeting and Monthly Meeting of Board (change approved at meeting)

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Respectfully submitted,



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