

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

**Notable Activities
from the
BCWA Board of Directors February 23, 2023 Meeting**

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1. Bid Approvals

- a. After advertisement and review of bids and a report by staff, the Board approved the following contracts to:
 - i. W. Walsh Company for this year's water main renewal projects.
 - ii. A.A. Asbestos Abatement for the Phase I Water Treatment Plant demolition including the development of a health and safety plan for the project.
- b. Task Order approval to Pare Corp for engineering and inspection services for the following:
 - Water Main renewals
 - Hope Street Pumping Station (at Tupelo)
 - Phase I of the demolition of the treatment facility on Child Street

2. **Reuse of Water Treatment Buildings** - The BCWA received a letter report from the PreserveRI Group (PRIG) regarding possible reuse of the existing water treatment facility buildings. While PRIG was "intrigued" with the site, the buildings and the history of the facility, PRIG did not identify any possible use of the buildings. They did recommend that we continue to assess the possible reuse of the buildings and provided the names of some "real estate advisors" to consult with about possibly of reuse. PRIG noted that the largest building "while the exterior façade is handsome, its floor plan, equipment and subterranean structures present considerable obstacles" for reuse. BCWA staff have identified one possible reuse of the grounds being for public access and potentially educational purposes regarding water use and treatment. The BCWA staff and Board will continue to assess possible reuse.

3. **Annual Write-Offs** - Based on a report by BCWA staff, the Board approved its annual write-offs of unpaid water bills. This write-off amounts to only 0.21% of billings. While this represents a very low amount of unpaid water bills, most of the uncollected bills are attributed to tenant-occupied properties.

4. The Pawtucket Water Connection Project

- a. As previously reported Phase I is complete with a new connection made to the East Providence water system.
- b. The 30% design plans for Phase II which will result in the connection to the Pawtucket Water System were forwarded to East Providence for their review.
- c. Discussions are on-going with the Pawtucket Water Supply Board regarding the details of the connection.

5. Water Use Metering and Information

- a. There remains less than 40 meters to be replaced and updated as part of the BCWA's meter replacement program.
- b. The new metering system can provide substantive information on water use for customers including the ability to assist in leak detection. A "Consumer Dashboard" is being developed and tested by staff at this time. We expect this to be available to customers by the end of the calendar year.

6. **Customer Notification** - A letter has been prepared that will be sent to all customers soon regarding the BCWA capital improvement program and rate increases for the upcoming fiscal year.

More details on all BCWA operations, programs and projects are available at www.bcwari.com

Respectfully submitted, Juan Mariscal, Acting Chairman, BCWA

