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

Summary of Notable Activities and Reports from the 6/29/2023 BCWA Board of Directors Meeting

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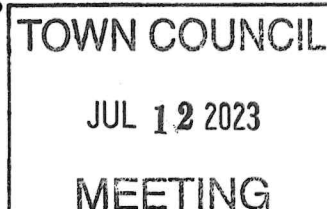
BCWA Board Meeting

1. **Upper and Lower Kickemuit Dam Removal Project:** This project went out to bid on May 17, 2023. Bids from two contractors were received and opened on June 22. Bids are being reviewed by our consultants and staff.

As required by the RI CRMC, BCWA mailed certified letters to property owners abutting the reservoir to offer testing of their private wells for salinity before and after the dam removals. Of the 27 homes in the area, only 12 homeowners have participated to date.

Executive Director Steve Coutu was invited to attend a meeting of the Warren Conservation Commission, which expressed strong interest in the future plans for the watershed properties. This issue will be a subject for review, analysis, and discussion at a future BCWA board meeting.

2. **Administration Building Roof Replacement:** Two bids were received for this project. The bid opening took place on May 4, 2023. The bids were analyzed by our consultants and staff including project references, OSHA safety record and their bond company references. Based on this analysis and a recommendation by the Executive Director, the Board approved hiring the low bidder, A & M Sheet Metal and Roofing of Riverside, RI, in the amount of \$150,728.00 (plus a contingency of 20% for a total project cost of \$180,874.00).
3. **Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply Board System Project:** Phase 2 of this project is at the 60% completion level. A RIDOT permit for Geotech work on Pawtucket Avenue has been received. Water quality analysis on a "blended" water (Providence and Pawtucket) has been completed and a report is pending. Approval will be sought from RIDOH once the report is finalized.
4. **Demolition of the former Child Street Water Treatment Facility:** Considerable work has been done on the demolition and removal of the exterior tanks of the former treatment facility. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in July 2023.



- 5. Hope Street Pumping Station:** As mentioned previously, this project has been substantially delayed due to supply chain delays associated with critical electrical components. While the contractor is back on the site, the date of the completion of the project, due to the constraints on materials availability, cannot be estimated at this time.
- 6. 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, work on Bradford and Central Streets in Bristol will begin (On Bradford from Hope to Wood and on Central south from Bradford to Wardwell). Old cast iron pipes will be cleaned and cement mortar lined and fire hydrants will be replaced. In addition, some service lines will be replaced to the property lines. This work is expected to 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 and the Town of Bristol.
- 9. Customer Communications:** BCWA is in the early planning stages of implementing a new feature in our billing software that could allow direct texting to customers who opt in. Texting allows for quick and efficient distribution of information to customers as well as integration with the billing system.
- 10. American Water Works Association Conference:** BCWA's Hydrant Hysteria Team Nick Deveau and Trevor Sousa were invited (all expenses paid by AWWA) to participate in the AWWA ACE23 Hydrant Hysteria Competition, which took place at the AWWA National Conference in Toronto. For the last six years, on a regional basis, a BCWA team has won the competition. Hydrant Hysteria is a fast-paced competition where two-member teams from water supply organizations demonstrate their mechanical skills and ingenuity by assembling a hydrant quickly and accurately. After several various level competitions, Nick and Trevor finished 2nd among over 30 national teams. This was an incredible showing, especially since they were beaten by a team from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power which has over 11,000 employees. BCWA only has 33!

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Respectfully submitted,
Juan Mariscal, Chairman, BCWA