



**Tri-Town Monthly Report
Summary of Notable Activities and Reports
from the
October 23, 2025, BCWA Meeting**

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- 1. Connection to the Pawtucket Water Supply System Project:** A meeting was held with the Mayor of East Providence to discuss the blending and control station to be located at the East Providence water storage facility and Beta Engineering's contract amendment. It was a positive meeting. Unfortunately, on some portions of the project there have been some minor unanticipated delays. The overall project is moving forward. The East Providence City Council will consider for approval at an upcoming meeting an amendment to the Beta Contract including increases in the cost-sharing agreement with the BCWA.
- 2. Lead Service Line Replacement Program:** The last public lead "gooseneck service" was replaced this month by a BCWA crew. As required by law, about 1,000 notifications will be sent out to property owners that have piping whose make-up is "unknown" (from a lead content viewpoint) or have a galvanized iron service line.
- 3. Hydraulic Modeling:** The modeling has been completed regarding the Fountain Avenue Water Tank. The Final Report is being revised based on some minor comments from the Health Department.
- 4. BCWA Water Treatment Facility Properties:** A "Design Charette", i.e. a two-day design review meeting, was held between BCWA staff and planning, engineering and architectural consultants to review and define future building and property needs on the former treatment facility grounds. A report will be issued soon. Previously, the Board had voted to wait for this report before making a decision on the future of the former treatment facility buildings. A newspaper article on the buildings appeared in the Warren Times during the week of October 20th.
- 5. Former Upper Kickemuit Dam Area Landscaping:** On October 16th and 17th, BCWA staff, Executive Director and Chairman assisted volunteers organized by Save the Bay for the planting of trees and wetland shrubs in the disturbed area of the Upper Dam project.
- 6. Water System Improvements**
 - a. Fall Hydrant Flushing:** This was completed during the month. During that work, as is often the case, a hydrant break happened on New Meadow Road in Barrington. This work was done at night to minimize disruptions but unfortunately water mains in the area had to be shut down for longer than usual. This incident was raised and discussed

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at the Board meeting by Barrington Board members. It was an unforeseen emergency situation that the BCWA staff worked as quickly as possible to restore water services, but schedules of some area schools were affected.

b. Expansion of High Service Area, Neighborhood Southeast of Gooding Avenue and Naomi St, Bristol: As of a result of replacement of water mains, including the new Hope/Tupelo pump station, water pressures in this neighborhood will increase providing better service. A letter was sent to the affected customers in the area advising them of such. It is possible that customers who previously installed booster pumps may no longer need to use them, thereby reducing their overall utilities costs.

7. Water Purchases from the Scituate Reservoir: Water purchases in September decreased by 9% compared with the same period last year and 6% less than the prior 5-year average. However, cumulatively for the year, water purchases are just 2% less than the prior five-year average. Of note, recently a large water-using fish-processing plant in Bristol shut down abruptly moving its operations out of Bristol County. They used an estimated 10 million gallons of water per year.

8. Pension Plan Funding Status: A presentation was made by BCWA's consultant, Jen Turk of Nyhart Financial (a national employee-benefit consulting, actuarial, and administration company). The basic conclusion is that the BCWA Pension Plans are in excellent shape. In the last year, the return on Market Value was better than the planned 7.5% with an 11.9% return and that the Plan's funded status is now at an amazing 98.7%.

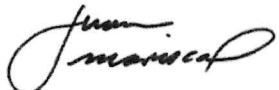
9. Personnel: Interviews were held to fill a vacant Water Utility Operator position. It is anticipated the selected candidate will be on-board by the end of the month.

10. Next Meetings: At BCWA Offices, 450 Child Street, Warren.

- **5:00PM, Thursday, December 11, 2025** – Monthly Meeting of Board
- **5:00PM, Thursday, November 13, 2025** – Finance Committee Meeting Re: FY2027 Budget

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Respectfully submitted,



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