

## FW: Director Retirement

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Merrie/Lauren,

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Thank you.

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To: Barrington Council and Town Manager

Cc: BCWA Directors and Key Staff

Subj: Director Retirement

I apologize if I have previously mentioned this history. I have been involved with the Water Authority since 1976, when as a freshman Town Council Member, we received a letter from the Bristol County Water Company advising us that their 20-year franchise was ending within 2 years and renewal negotiations should commence. That evolved into a Tri-Town Water Study Committee that several years later resulted in a Tri-Town Referendum, whose overwhelming approval resulted in the purchase of the Water Company, conversion to a Public Authority, and directive to construct a cross-bay connection to the Providence Water Supply System.

Unlike all three of our Barrington Board of Directors appointees, who pledged to accept the results of the years of detailed study and Referendum results, neither Warren nor Bristol appointees did so. That resulted in several years of further study by the new Board of Directors, further delaying the project. Out of frustration, I applied and was appointed as one of Barrington's Directors in 1989.

Due to my wife Linda's health issues, we have become accustomed to wintering in Florida. We typically depart early in the second week of January and return to RI the first week in March. When our meetings were all in Zoom, I could easily maintain my participation in Board Meetings. Unless COVID returns with a vengeance, I will therefore miss both January and February Meetings.

My current appointment term expires in February, 2023; having served almost 34 years. In light of the above, it appears practical that I retire at the conclusion of our December Meeting. I am advising you of my intentions in order that my replacement process will have adequate time.

It has been my honor and privilege to have been entrusted with successive appointments to this important agency serving Bristol County.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Klepper  
Barrington Director

