

**Meeting of the Properties Committee of the
BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024
450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, RI**

The committee meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Committee Chairman Stephen Gross

Committee members in attendance: Stephen Gross, Robert Martin, Christopher Stanley

Other Directors present: Juan Mariscal, Thomas Kraig

BCWA staff present: Stephen Coutu, Michael Crawford, Lauren DeRuisseau

1. Public Input

Executive Director Coutu stated that a presentation was made at last month's Properties Committee meeting by a consulting firm that reviewed the old station structure, which is the smaller building on Child Street. Three options were provided to the Board:

- Full build at a cost around \$800K+
- Renovation of the roof, windows, brick, etc. at a cost around \$300K
- Demo the building at a cost around \$75K

There was no action taken by the committee at that meeting.

The Committee recognized representatives from the Warren Historic District Committee, the Warren Land Trust, the Warren Conservation Commission, the Warren Preservation Society, the Warren Heritage Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, and Save the Bay. Representatives of these groups expressed interest in restoring the former water treatment facility for historical and/or public/recreational purposes.

2. Discussion on Former Water Treatment Facilities and Property

Committee Chairman Gross stated that a timeline needs to be established as to what should be done with these buildings.

Executive Director Coutu stated that BCWA is paying the large meter rate as there is a large electrical service tied to the building. Pipes are currently connected to the plant and would need to be removed during the next construction season.

BCWA has not gone out to bid for demolition at this time so there is still time for interested parties to step forward if they have an interest in these properties. Substantive ideas are needed to determine next steps for reuse.

The community will be tasked with finding entities who would be owners/stewards and BCWA will address severability.

3. Committee Recommendation on Course of Action for Water Treatment Facilities and Property

Director Martin proposed that this be revisited in three months when the community can present their options.

Director Martin made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

MOTION: We plan on three months to come back with a proposal from this community and table until we see what we are going to do.

Motion passed by aye vote.

A recommendation will be made to the Board to table this for three months so that we can hear back from the community.

Director Martin made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

MOTION: To adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Stephen Gross
Committee Chairman