

**Newark Service Area
Water & Wastewater
Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2025**

Present **Water and Wastewater Advisory Board**
Jenny Mumford, Susan Age
Worcester County Public Works
Dallas Baker Jr., Charde' Tunnell
Worcester County Public Works – Water and Wastewater Division
Tony Fascelli, Wm. Gary Serman, Andy Glenn
Worcester County Treasurer's Office
Quinn Dittrich, Ondrea Starzheskiy

Dallas Baker Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

1. Review of FY 26 budget, year-to-date – **Everyone agreed**
2. Review of current project list status
 - a. Household sediment filter status: 31 responses, 25 signed MOU's, 21 installed, **-Now 4 waiting – 34 responses, 27 responses, 23 signed MOU's, 4 still waiting. Notices were put in last billing.**
 - b. Water Treatment Plan Upgrades:
 - i. USDA grant application status – Preliminary Engineering Report Complete: Environmental Report Complete: ready to submit application to USDA once shutdown is lifted and website is reactivated. **Just contracted a new lobbyist, county can submit to be included in state budget on the MDE application in January.**
 - c. Transite Water Main Replacement: Fed Earmark funds were not rewarded; Will apply to MDE (January) and USDA for grant funding.
 - d. Lead Water Service Line Replacement: MDE did not award funding; County hired new Lobbyist who will assist with advocating for funding; reapply in January. **When application opens up- will be applying then.**
 - e. Water Tower/ Cell Antennae Maintenance – Verizon submitted plans for equipment upgrade, Public Works returned comments on 10/06/25. Review fee owed before final approval. **Verizon always pays for upgrades.**
3. System Maintenance (8/1-10/29/25):
 - a. Hydrant flushing – whole system: 10/22/25; end of lines: every 2 weeks
 - b. Water main leaks:0
 - c. Sewer main leaks; 0
 - d. Water Treatment Plant repairs – one new chemical feed pump replaced as part of proactive maintenance.

- e. Wastewater Treatment Plant repairs – At 10/21/25 meeting, Commissioners approved \$2000.00 to power wash and paint the building: work to occur in next 30 days.
- f. Spray field harvesting- completed week of Sept 6th

Questions from the board...

- Power washing of plant that was discussed in the last meeting, - Public Works will be taking care of the painting and power washing in house.
- Ask USDA where do they get their number from for grant writing? – When the shutdown ends.
- The sewer pond water levels – It's going down, have until December 15th. Still low and will flush before the shut down to kill anything growing inside. March 1st will start spraying again.
- On next agenda, can information be provided on the number of cut offs per quarter, & this quarter and in December?
- Flow rate from the Tech Center were asked about.
- Upcoming commissioners' meeting on November 4th will be asking for permission to lease a Vac truck.
- Next meeting will held January 28th, 2026 @ 3pm