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## **New England Water Works Association 2025 Distribution & Storage Committee Report**

### Committee Mission:

To review and disseminate knowledge of the tools, technologies, and services for distribution and storage needs of the water utility profession, identify those topics where training is needed, and to assist in the development of materials and programs to meet those needs.”

### Accomplishments/Activities and New Initiatives During the Past Year (Sept. 2024-August 2025):

- Provided quarterly articles for the Source
- Will Schaetzke & Lesley Milligan both volunteered to chair/v. chair and restart the UDF Sub-Committee. This subcommittee has been dormant.
- Liam Flaherty volunteered to chair and restart the Meters Sub-Committee. This subcommittee has been dormant.
- Bob Radigan has volunteered to be an adjunct professor and continue to provide Watermain Break classes.
- Four presentations were presented at the Spring Conference in Worcester
- Kevin Desjardins volunteered to take over as chair of the Storage Tanks Sub-Committee from Joe Pappo
- Storage Tank class scheduled for October 2025 hosted by RIDOH.

### Plans for 2026:

- First offering of the Emergency Response Planning class
- Update of the Meters subcommittee training class
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- Continued submission of quarterly Source articles
- Determine final online storage location of training documentation for easy access by committee members.
- Host a presentation track at the Spring Conference



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Other Committee Related Efforts/Notes:

- The committee is interested in exploring our ability to better understand and influence MassDEP Chapter 8 guidelines around sanitary surveys
- Myles Killar is also a member of the Mass Waterworks technical committee drafting guidelines for the State to review and suggested there may be an opportunity for the two committees to work together
- It is the opinion of the Committee that the Chapter 8 guidelines are unclear and not being enforced uniformly.

Succession Planning - Incoming Leaders & Anticipated Appointment Date:

- Jim Barsanti volunteered to v. chair the Distribution & Storage Committee, assisting Joe Pappo.
- This creates a succession plan for the Committee.
- Joe Pappo's term as chair will expire in December 2026.
- See additional new subchairs in the Accomplishments section above.

Committee Member Roster:  
(Attach separately if needed.)

See attached roster

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Pappo, Chair

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