



# City of Methuen

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**MERRIMACK VALLEY MAYORS COALITION IS FORMED**  
*Methuen's Mayor Manzi looks forward to working with the group*

On Thursday, March 8, 2007, the Mayors of the Merrimack Valley formed a new coalition for developing collaboration and consensus-building among the Merrimack Valley communities they represent. The Merrimack Valley Mayors Coalition consists of the mayors from Amesbury, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen and Newburyport. The six mayors will work together to develop an environment of cooperation among elected leaders and local governments committed to the success of the Merrimack Valley.

The Coalition plans to address a variety of critical municipal and intergovernmental issues in a cooperative manner. Their agenda will focus on developing regional solutions for improving municipal services, reducing costs, and supporting advocacy at the state and federal level for local municipalities.

“Finding regional solutions to common problems makes a lot of sense to me, said Mayor William M. Manzi.” “I look forward to working closely with the other local Mayors on important mutual issues.”

The coalition will be staffed and facilitated by the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, the regional planning agency that provides professional planning services to fifteen communities in northeastern Massachusetts. The Coalition will be funded by the membership as well as grants and other funding sought on behalf of the Coalition.