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METHUEN CITED FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO OPEN GOVERNMENT
Non-Partisan Government Watch Group Credits City's Informative Website

The Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government (maopengov.org), a project of the non-partisan group Common Cause, issued a report last year calling for increased internet access to important governance public records. As part of this initiative, the group examined the internet presence of all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts to learn whether they post essential information in six major categories. The group found that of the 311 communities that maintain websites, only 41 maintain all of the essential documents. Common Cause announced this week that Methuen was one of the few communities whose websites contained all of the items on their list. The group extended its congratulations to Methuen for its work in informing citizens and in maintaining an up-date-website. Methuen was the only Merrimack Valley community to receive this recognition.

Methuen will be honored at an event at the State House on Thursday, March 15th at 1 pm in Nurse's Hall. The event falls during "Sunshine Week" when media outlets throughout the country focus on issues of open government. "It is an honor to be recognized by the Campaign for Open Government," said Methuen Mayor William M. Manzi, III. "In Methuen, we strive to make government open and accessible to all of our citizens and this proves that our efforts are effective." Manzi stated that he will continue to look for ways to expand open government and thanked Common Cause for its recognition.