



# Town of West Newbury

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TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
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RE: Middle Street Bridge

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We're continuing to work actively on the bridge design in close collaboration with Newburyport as the MDOT contract lead and administrator. We had a productive call with the Mayor's office last week and we are working to schedule an "all hands" personnel meeting later this month as we review the various design/cost alternatives.

The DPW Director and I met with BSC Group earlier this week as we're intending to pursue a MassWorks grant due in August to support this project.

Key near-term follow-ups:

- Newburyport has agreed to write a letter of support from Newburyport for our MassWorks grant. The grant application is due Aug 9th.
- Newburyport is expected to agree to a date on the calendar for the joint public meeting.
- I continue to think that both communities would be better off to enter an MOU sooner than later.