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### **ACTIVITY REPORT**

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This notice serves to inform you concerning activity involving hearings, decisions, and matters pending before either the Commissioner of Banks or the Board of Bank Incorporation.

#### **DIVISION OF BANKS**

#### **Decisions**

<u>Fidelity Co-operative Bank, Fitchburg</u> – permission to redesignate its main office from 675 Main Street, Fitchburg to 9 Leominster Connector, Leominster and, in connection therewith, close its current main office of 675 Main Street, Fitchburg – approved February 21, 2020.

<u>Mechanics Co-operative Bank, Taunton</u> – notice to establish a branch office at 1238 Kempton Street, New Bedford – non-objection issued February 4, 2020.

<u>Middlesex Savings Bank, Natick</u> – notice to establish a branch office at 177 Broad Street, Hudson – non-objection issued February 12, 2020.

<u>Middlesex Savings Bank, Natick</u> – permission to relocate a branch office from 291 Main Street, Acton to 279 Main Street, Acton – approved February 19, 2020.

<u>Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Salem</u> – permission to relocate its branch office from 19 Central Street, Peabody to One Main Street, Peabody – approved February 12, 2020.

<u>The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank (Cape Cod Five)</u>, <u>Harwich Port</u> – permission to redesignate its main office from 532 Main Street, Harwich Port to 1500 Iyannough Road, Hyannis and, in connection therewith, retain the current main office location in Harwich Port as a branch office. The 1500 Iyannough Road location will be Cape Cod Five's new corporate headquarters – approved February 4, 2020.

<u>Wakefield Co-operative Bank, Wakefield</u> – notice to establish a branch office at 530 Main Street, Melrose – non-objection issued February 12, 2020.

#### Applications/Notices Pending

Bridgewater Savings Bank (Bridgewater), Raynham and Mansfield Co-operative Bank (Mansfield), Mansfield – permission for Mansfield to merge with and into Bridgewater under the charter and by-laws of Bridgewater. The main office of Bridgewater would remain the main office of the continuing institution, and the banking offices of Mansfield would be retained as branch offices. Comment period ended February 12, 2020.

<u>Brookline Bank, Brookline</u> – permission to close its branch office located at 34 Cambridge Street, Burlington. Comment period ended February 21, 2020.

<u>Cambridge Savings Bank, Cambridge</u> – permission to relocate its branch office from 214 Cambridge Street, Burlington to 154-156 Cambridge Street, Burlington. Comment period ended February 27, 2020.

<u>Cambridge Trust Company (Cambridge Trust)</u>, <u>Cambridge</u> and <u>Wellesley Bank</u>, <u>Wellesley</u> – permission for Wellesley Bank to merge with and into Cambridge Trust under the charter, by-laws and name of Cambridge Trust Company. The main office of Cambridge Trust would remain the main office of the continuing institution and the banking offices of Wellesley Bank would be retained as branch offices. Comment period ends March 18, 2020.

<u>HarborOne Bank, Brockton</u> – notice to establish a branch office at 14 West Broadway, South Boston. Filed February 21, 2020.

<u>Lowell Five Cents Savings Bank, Lowell</u> – permission to redesignate its main office from 34 John Street, Lowell to 30 International Place, Tewksbury and, in connection therewith, retain the current main office as a branch office. Comment period ends March 17, 2020.

<u>Monson Savings Bank, Monson</u> – notice to establish a branch office at 75 Post Office Park, Wilbraham. Filed February 6, 2020.

<u>OneUnited Bank, Boston</u> – permission to close its branch office located at 205 East Compton Boulevard, Compton, California. Comment period ended December 16, 2020.

• <u>Note:</u> The application filed in conjunction with this branch closure application for OneUnited Bank to establish a branch office at 815 West Rosecrans Avenue, Compton, California that would open initially at a temporary location of 1115 North Wilmington Avenue, Compton, California was withdrawn. A new application to establish a branch was filed as detailed below.

One United Bank, Boston – permission to establish a branch office at 1495 North Wilmington Avenue, Compton. Filed February 27, 2020.

<u>Rockland Trust Company, Rockland</u> – permission to close its branch office located at 330 Washington Street, Wellesley. Comment period ended February 26, 2020.

<u>Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Salem</u> – permission to close its branch office located at 195B Sudbury Road, Concord. Comment period ended February 28, 2020.

<u>Southbridge Credit Union, Southbridge</u> – permission to amend its by-laws to expand the associations which qualify persons for membership. The amendment relative to membership eligibility proposes to add membership for persons, businesses, and organizations that reside, work, or operate within Windham County, Connecticut. Comment period ended February 25, 2020.

#### MARCH 2020 FILING DATE

Complete applications for the March Activity Report must be received by the Division or the Board on or before 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2020.

# COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT DESCRIPTIVE RATINGS AND EVALUATIONS WHICH BECAME PUBLIC DURING THE MONTH

The following state-chartered banks and credit unions and licensed mortgage lenders have Community Reinvestment Act descriptive ratings and evaluations describing the basis for the rating issued by the Division of Banks. The ratings, as set out in statute, for a bank's or credit union's record of meeting community credit needs are: Outstanding (O); High Satisfactory (HS); Satisfactory (S); Needs to Improve (NI); and Substantial Noncompliance (SNC). Licensed mortgage lenders are also assigned one of these ratings to describe their record of meeting the mortgage credit needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A consolidated list of all ratings can be found at.

A copy of an individual CRA evaluation is available directly from the bank, credit union, or mortgage lender which is required by law to make the material available upon request, or from the Division's web site.

BANK/CREDIT UNION	RATING	DATE OF EXAMINATION
Methuen Co-operative Bank, Methuen	S	12/2/2019

#### **REGULATIONS**

#### **Amendments Pending**

Proposed amendments to regulation 209 CMR 50.00: *Parity with Federal Credit Unions* were filed with the House Clerk on August 22, 2019 and remain pending. Additional updates will be posted on the Division's website at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/dob">www.mass.gov/dob</a>.

#### BANK AND CREDIT UNION APPLICATION PROCESS TIMING

As a general rule, applications by banks and credit unions other than those that are subject to a review period set out in statute are intended to be processed and completed within the monthly cycle for which the bank and credit union applies. That review period for such processing is approximately 45 days or less from the date the application is filed with the Division. A decision on the application is generally issued within 5 business days after the review period is completed. The decision then will be reported on the monthly Activity Report for the month in which the decision was issued. The timing of the overall review process including the issuance of a decision and the listing on the monthly Activity Report will be dependent on the applicant's compliance with all statutory, regulatory and administrative requirements. Applications before the Massachusetts Board of Bank Incorporation are subject to separate timing schedules as set out in the applications of the Board.

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