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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.

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: DIVISION OF BANKS TO MOVE**

The Division of Banks is moving its central office February 7, 2025 to One Federal Street, Suite 710, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2012. Any further updates related to this move will be posted to the Division's website at www.mass.gov/dob.

#### BOARD OF BANK INCORPORATION

Virtual Public Hearing Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:30 a.m.

<u>River Run Bancorp, MHC (River Run), Newburyport</u> – approval to acquire Rollstone Bancorp, MHC, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the mutual holding company for Rollstone Bank & Trust, Fitchburg, Massachusetts. River Run is the mutual holding company of Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, Newburyport, Massachusetts and Pentucket Bank, Haverhill, Massachusetts. Upon consummation of the transaction, River Run would be the mutual holding company for Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, Pentucket Bank, and Rollstone Bank & Trust. Comment period ends March 4, 2025.

The hearing notice has been posted on the Division's website. An updated post providing additional information regarding the virtual link to the hearing will be available at <u>www.mass.gov/dob</u> on Monday, February 24, 2025 by noon.

#### **DIVISION OF BANKS**

#### Applications/Notices Pending

<u>All One Credit Union, Leominster</u> – notice to establish a branch office within Worcester Technical High School, 1 Officer Manny Familia Way, Worcester. Filed January 9, 2025.

<u>Arrha Credit Union, Springfield</u> – notice to establish a branch office at 1240 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Filed December 2, 2024.

<u>Bristol County Savings Bank, Taunton</u> – permission to establish a branch office at 5 Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Filed August 16, 2023.

<u>Brookline Bank, Brookline</u> – permission to relocate its branch office from 5 Washington Street, Wellesley to 35 Washington Street, Wellesley. Comment period ended January 6, 2025.

<u>Eagle Bank, Everett</u> – permission to establish a branch office located at 65 Portland Road, Kennebunk, Maine. Filed December 30, 2024.

<u>PeoplesBank, Holyoke</u> – permission to establish a branch office located at 2815 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Filed January 8, 2025.

<u>St. Jean's Credit Union, Lynn</u> – permission to close its branch office within Revere High School, 101 School Street, Revere. Comment period ended January 29, 2025.

<u>Winchester Savings Bank, Winchester</u> – permission to reorganize into a mutual holding company, Winchester Bancorp, MHC, as part of a multi-step transaction with a mid-tier holding company, Winchester Bancorp, Inc. (Bancorp) and the issuance of up to 49.0% of the stock of Bancorp. Following the reorganization, the subsidiary bank of the new mutual holding company would operate under the name Winchester Savings Bank. Comment period ends February 13, 2025.

#### February 2025 FILING DATE

Complete applications for the February Activity Report must be received by the Division or the Board on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Note: The Division requests that applicants submit all applications electronically to the Legal Unit at the following email address: <u>dob.applications@mass.gov</u>. **Please note the new email address.** Paper copies of the application(s) are no longer required.

#### 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 <u>www.mass.gov/dob</u>.

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 website.

		DATE OF
BANK/CREDIT UNION	RATING	EXAMINATION
Bluestone Bank, Raynham	S	11/04/2024
Brookline Bank, Brookline	S	09/09/2024
Lynn Teachers' Credit Union, Lynn	S	12/09/2024
New Bedford Credit Union, New Bedford	S	11/18/2024
Tremont Credit Union, Milton	S	11/25/2024
		DATE OF
MORTGAGE LENDER	RATING	EXAMINATION
American Financing Corporation	S	05/07/2024
Bay Equity LLC	S	08/15/2024
Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership	S	10/21/2024
Guild Mortgage Company LLC	HS	09/17/2024
Nationstar Mortgage LLC	S	11/07/2024
PrimeLending, A PlainsCapital Company	HS	11/04/2024

#### REGULATIONS

#### Amendments Pending

Amendments to 209 CMR 18.00: Conduct of the Business of Debt Collectors, Student Loan Servicers, and Third Party Loan Servicers

and

Amendments to 209 CMR 48.00: Licensee Record Keeping

The Division held a hybrid public hearing on November 4, 2024 at which comments were received relative to amendments to 209 CMR 18.00 *et seq.* and 209 CMR 48.00 *et seq.* The comment period ended November 12, 2024.

Updates on these amendments to the regulations will be posted on the Division's website at <u>www.mass.gov/dob.</u>

### 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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