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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.

BOARD OF BANK INCORPORATION

Applications Filed

1831 Bancorp, MHC (MHC) and 1831 Bancorp, Inc. (Bancorp), Dedham – permission to each become a bank holding company through the direct and indirect acquisition of South Shore Bank, Weymouth. MHC and Bancorp are the mutual holding company and mid-tier holding company, respectively, of Dedham Institution for Savings, Dedham. The transaction will be effected through a merger of MHC with South Shore Bank's mutual holding company, South Shore Bancorp, MHC and the merger of Bancorp with South Shore Bank's mid-tier holding company, South Shore Bancorp, Inc. Upon consummation of the transaction, MHC and Bancorp would be the mutual holding company and mid-tier holding company for both Dedham Institution for Savings and South Shore Bank.

A virtual hearing on this petition is being scheduled before the Board in July 2023. Additional information regarding this hearing will be posted to the Division of Banks website at www.mass.gov/dob.

Applications Pending

Newburyport Five Cents Bancorp, MHC (MHC) and Newburyport Five Cents Bancorp, Inc. (Bancorp), Newburyport – permission to each become a bank holding company through the direct and indirect acquisition of Pentucket Bank, Haverhill. MHC and Bancorp are the mutual holding company and mid-tier holding company, respectively, of Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, Newburyport. The transaction will be effected through a merger of MHC with Pentucket Bank's mutual holding company, Pentucket Bank Holdings, MHC and the merger of Bancorp with Pentucket Bank's mid-tier holding company, Pentucket Bancorp, Inc., Haverhill, Massachusetts. Upon consummation of the transaction, MHC and Bancorp would be the mutual holding company and mid-tier holding company for both Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank and Pentucket Bank. Comment period ends June 2, 2023.

DIVISION OF BANKS

Decisions

HTM Credit Union, Haverhill – permission to amend its bylaws to expand the associations which qualify persons for membership. The amendment relative to membership eligibility proposes to: (1) amend the definition of “Greater Haverhill area” to add membership for employees and former employees of the Massachusetts municipalities of Boxford, Rowley, and Salisbury, and the New Hampshire municipalities of Atkinson, Kingston, Hampstead, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown, and Seabrook; and (2) add membership eligibility for members of public libraries located within the Greater Haverhill area, as defined – approved May 9, 2023.

Leominster Credit Union, Leominster – notice to establish a branch office within Fitchburg High School, 140 Arnhow Farm Road, Fitchburg – non-objection issued May 30, 2023.

Liberty Bank, Middletown, Connecticut – permission to establish a branch office at 94 Shaker Road, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts – approved May 11, 2023.

Merrimack Valley Credit Union (Merrimack Valley), Lawrence – permission to (1) merge with RTN Federal Credit Union (RTN), Revere, Massachusetts; and (2) as part of this merger transaction, amend the bylaws of Merrimack Valley to (a) include RTN’s current membership eligibility; and (b) add membership eligibility for persons who live, work, or attend school in Worcester County, Massachusetts; members and volunteers of religious, civic or charitable organizations located in Worcester County; and family members of such persons. The main office of Merrimack Valley would remain the main office of the continuing credit union and the banking offices of RTN would be retained as branch offices – approved May 24, 2023.

St. Jean’s Credit Union (St. Jean’s), Lynn – permission to merge with Greater Salem Employees Federal Credit Union (Greater Salem), Salem. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Greater Salem will merge with and into St. Jean’s under the charter, bylaws, and name of St. Jean’s. The main office of St. Jean’s would remain the main office of the continuing credit union and the sole banking office of Greater Salem would not be retained as a branch office – approved May 23, 2023.

Winchester Savings Bank, Winchester – notice to establish a branch office at 44 Maple Street, Danvers – non-objection issued May 11, 2023.

Applications/Notices Pending

Alden Credit Union, Chicopee – notice to establish a branch office at 98 Sergeant Thomas Dion Way, Suite 420, Westfield. Filed June 2, 2022.

Everett Co-operative Bank, Everett – notice to establish a branch office at 331 Montvale Avenue, Woburn. Filed May 1, 2023.

Hingham Institution for Savings, Hingham – permission to establish a branch office at 1061 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Washington, D.C. Filed March 20, 2023.

Members Plus (Members Plus) Credit Union, Medford – permission to merge with Winchester Federal Credit Union (Winchester Federal), Winchester. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Winchester Federal will merge with and into Members Plus under the charter, bylaws, and name of Members Plus. The main office of Members Plus would remain the main office of the continuing credit union and the sole banking office of Winchester Federal would be retained as a branch office. Comment period ended November 28, 2022.

The Lowell Five Cents Savings Bank, Tewksbury – permission to relocate its branch office from 34 John Street, Lowell to 60 Fletcher Street, Lowell. Comment period ended May 30, 2023.

The Village Bank, Auburndale – notice to establish a branch office at 251 Moody Street, Waltham. Filed May 4, 2023.

June 2023 FILING DATE

Complete applications for the June Activity Report must be received by the Division or the Board on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023.

Note: The Division requests that applicants submit all applications electronically to the Legal Unit at the following email address: maureen.cunningham@mass.gov.

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 www.mass.gov/dob.

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.

<u>BANK/CREDIT UNION</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>DATE OF EXAMINATION</u>
The Cooperative Bank, Roslindale	S	1/30/2023

CHECK CASHER LICENSES

Applications Pending

Alpha X Solutions, LLC d/b/a Alpha X Check Cashing, Saugus, Massachusetts – permission to operate as a check casher at 552 Lincoln Avenue, Saugus, Massachusetts. Comment period ended May 15, 2023.

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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