Wellesley Bancorp, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q
(Mark one)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF X 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

OR
..TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$

Commission file number: 001-35352
WELLESLEY BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
45-3219901
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

# Edgar Filing: Wellesley Bancorp, Inc. - Form 10-Q <br> (Address of principal executive offices) <br> (Zip Code) 

(781) 235-2550
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

## Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No *

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

| Large accelerated filer .. | Accelerated filer ${ }^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Non-accelerated filer ${ }^{. .}$ | Smaller reporting company x |

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

As of October 31, 2015, there were 2,462,138 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

WELLESLEY BANCORP, INC.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

September December 31, 30, 20152014 (Dollars in thousands)
Assets

| Cash and due from banks | $\$ 2,478$ | $\$ 2,816$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Short-term investments | 13,403 | 16,455 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 15,881 | 19,271 |

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Certificates of deposit } & 100 & 100\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Securities available for sale, at fair value } & 50,173\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock, at cost } & \text { 5,205 }\end{array}$
Loans held for sale - 537
Loans $\quad$ 507,135 448,084
Less allowance for loan losses (4,966 ) (4,738
Loans, net
502,169 443,346
Bank-owned life insurance $\quad$ 7,014 6,841
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Premises and equipment, net } & 3,430 & 3,753\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Accrued interest receivable } & 1,292 & 1,216\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Net deferred tax asset } & 2,232 & 2,008\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Other assets } & 1,919\end{array}$
Total assets $\quad \$ 589,515$ \$ 535,115
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity
Deposits:
Noninterest-bearing $\quad \$ 70,055 \quad \$ 58,859$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Interest-bearing } & 382,662 \\ 363,386\end{array}$

Short-term borrowings $\quad 16,000 \quad 2,000$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Long-term debt } & 66,945 & 59,500\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Accrued expenses and other liabilities } & 2,463\end{array}$
Total liabilities ..... 538,125 ..... 485,769
Commitments and contingencies
Stockholders' equity:
Preferred stock, $\$ 0.01$ par value; $1,000,000$ shares authorized, none issued Common stock, $\$ 0.01$ par value; $14,000,000$ shares authorized and $2,459,138$ shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively Additional paid-in capital ..... 23,881 ..... 23,419
Retained earnings ..... 28,562 ..... 27,027
Accumulated other comprehensive income ..... 367 ..... 417
Unearned compensation - ESOP ..... (1,444 ) (1,541
Total stockholders' equity ..... 51,390 ..... 49,346
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity ..... \$589,515 \$ 535,115

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  | Nine Mon <br> Ended Se <br> 2015 <br> ept per sha | $\begin{aligned} & \text { mber 30, } \\ & 2014 \\ & \text { data) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest and dividend income: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest and fees on loans and loans held for sale | \$5,342 | \$4,724 | \$15,160 | \$13,696 |
| Debt securities: |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable | 204 | 201 | 685 | 532 |
| Tax-exempt | 50 | 49 | 143 | 139 |
| Interest on short-term investments and certificates of deposit | 8 | 8 | 24 | 24 |
| Dividends on FHLB stock | 36 | 12 | 68 | 35 |
| Total interest and dividend income | 5,640 | 4,994 | 16,080 | 14,426 |
| Interest expense: |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 722 | 703 | 2,007 | 2,066 |
| Short-term borrowings | 24 | 2 | 45 | 8 |
| Long-term debt | 223 | 173 | 583 | 451 |
| Total interest expense | 969 | 878 | 2,635 | 2,525 |
| Net interest income | 4,671 | 4,116 | 13,445 | 11,901 |
| Provision for loan losses | 150 | 180 | 300 | 580 |
| Net interest income, after provision for loan losses | 4,521 | 3,936 | 13,145 | 11,321 |
| Noninterest income: |  |  |  |  |
| Customer service fees | 29 | 31 | 92 | 102 |
| Mortgage banking activities | 34 | 32 | 133 | 71 |
| Gain on sale of securities, net | 28 | - | 28 | 16 |
| Income on bank-owned life insurance | 58 | 58 | 173 | 175 |
| Wealth management fees | 130 | 117 | 339 | 353 |
| Miscellaneous | 11 | 6 | 31 | 13 |
| Total noninterest income | 290 | 244 | 796 | 730 |
| Noninterest expense: |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 2,145 | 2,017 | 6,634 | 5,881 |
| Occupancy and equipment | 640 | 530 | 1,843 | 1,513 |
| Data processing | 162 | 155 | 480 | 456 |
| FDIC insurance | 93 | 73 | 279 | 208 |
| Professional fees | 182 | 138 | 556 | 566 |
| Other general and administrative | 454 | 412 | 1,317 | 1,210 |
| Total noninterest expense | 3,676 | 3,325 | 11,109 | 9,834 |
| Income before income taxes | 1,135 | 855 | 2,832 | 2,217 |
| Provision for income taxes | 435 | 339 | 1,088 | 876 |
| Net income | 700 | 516 | 1,744 | 1,341 |

Other comprehensive income (loss):
$\left.\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Net unrealized holding (losses) gains on available-for-sale } \\ \text { securities }\end{array} & 197 & (83 & ) & (51 & 249 \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Reclassification adjustment for gains on sales of Securities, net } \\ \text { recognized in noninterest income } \\ \text { Income tax benefit (expense) }\end{array} & (28 & ) & - & (28 & (16\end{array}\right)$

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014


See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

|  | Nine Months Ended September 30, 20152014 <br> (In thousands) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 1,744 |  | \$ 1,341 |  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for loan losses | 300 |  | 580 |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 488 |  | 443 |  |
| Net amortization of securities | 194 |  | 108 |  |
| Gain on sale of securities, net | (28 | ) | (16 | ) |
| Principal amount of loans sold | 18,874 |  | 13,323 |  |
| Loans originated for sale | (18,471 | ) | (13,513 | ) |
| Accretion of net deferred loan fees | (278 | ) | (335 | ) |
| Income on bank-owned life insurance | (173 | ) | (175 | ) |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (195 | ) | (346 | ) |
| ESOP expense | 185 |  | 180 |  |
| Share-based compensation | 372 |  | 351 |  |
| Net change in other assets and liabilities | 50 |  | 541 |  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 3,062 |  | 2,482 |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Activity in securities available for sale: |  |  |  |  |
| Maturities, prepayments and calls | 16,229 |  | 8,118 |  |
| Purchases | (15,827 | ) | (14,441 | ) |
| Proceeds from sales of securities, net | 1,861 |  | 903 |  |
| Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock | (1,545 | ) | (484 | ) |
| Loan originations, net of principal payments | (58,711 | ) | $(48,634$ | ) |
| Additions to premises and equipment | (169 | ) | (288 | ) |
| Net cash used by investing activities | (58,162 | ) | (54,826 | ) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net increase in deposits | 30,472 |  | 31,888 |  |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 15,500 |  | 26,000 |  |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (8,055 | ) | (6,000 | ) |
| Increase(decrease) in short-term borrowings | 14,000 |  | (7,000 | ) |
| Proceeds from issuance of stock under stock option plan | - |  | 6 |  |
| Tax effect of dividends on unvested restricted stock | 2 |  | - |  |
| Cash dividends paid on common stock | (209 | ) | (123 | ) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 51,710 |  | 44,771 |  |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (3,390 | ) | (7,573 | ) |

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning period 19,271 19,067
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period
\$ 15,881
\$ 11,494
Supplementary information:
$\begin{array}{lcc}\text { Interest paid } & \$ 2,615 & \$ 2,516 \\ \text { Income taxes paid } & 943 & 853\end{array}$

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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WELLESLEY BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND CONSOLIDATION

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Wellesley Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Wellesley Bank (the "Bank"), the principal operating entity, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries; Wellesley Securities Corporation, which engages in the business of buying, selling and dealing in securities exclusively on its own behalf; Wellesley Investment Partners, LLC, formed to provide investment management services for individuals, not-for-profit entities and businesses; and Central Linden, LLC, formed to hold, manage and sell foreclosed real estate. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information, and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The accompanying consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015 or for any other period.

NOTE 2 - LOAN POLICIES

The loan portfolio consists of real estate, commercial and other loans to the Company's customers in our primary market areas in eastern Massachusetts. The ability of the Company's debtors to honor their contracts is dependent upon the economy in general and the real estate and construction sectors within our markets.

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future, or until maturity or pay-off, are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balances adjusted for charge-offs, the allowance for loan losses, and any deferred loan origination fees or costs. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using
the interest method.

Interest is generally not accrued on loans which are identified as impaired or loans which are ninety days or more past due. Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loan. Interest income previously accrued on such loans is reversed against current period interest income. Interest income on non-accrual loans is recognized only to the extent of interest payments received and is first applied to the outstanding principal balance when collectibility of principal is in doubt. Loans are returned to accrual status when all principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured through sustained payment performance for at least six months.

The Company periodically may agree to modify the contractual terms of loans. When a loan is modified and a concession is made to a borrower experiencing financial difficulty, the modification is considered a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR"). All TDRs are classified as impaired.

Allowance for loan losses

The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings as losses are estimated to have occurred. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of the loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is evaluated on a regular basis by management. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available. The allowance consists of general, allocated and unallocated components.

## General component

The general component is based on the following loan segments: residential real estate, commercial real estate, construction, commercial, home equity lines of credit and other consumer. Management considers a rolling average of historical losses for each segment based on a time frame appropriate to capture relevant loss data for each loan segment, generally 3 and 10 years. This historical loss factor is adjusted for the following qualitative factors: levels/trends in delinquencies; trends in volume, concentrations and terms of loans; effects of changes in risk selection and underwriting standards and other changes in lending policies, procedures and practices; experience/ability/depth of lending management and staff; and national and local economic trends and conditions. There were no significant changes to the Company's policies or methodology pertaining to the general component of the allowance during 2015 or 2014.

The qualitative factor adjustments are determined based on the various risk characteristics of each loan segment. Risk characteristics relevant to each portfolio segment are as follows:

Residential real estate - The Company generally does not originate loans with a loan-to-value ratio greater than 80 percent and does not originate subprime loans. Most loans in this segment are collateralized by one-to four-family residential real estate and repayment is dependent on the credit quality of the individual borrower. The overall health of the economy, including unemployment rates and housing prices, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment.

Commercial real estate - Loans in this segment are primarily income-producing properties in the Company's primary market areas in eastern Massachusetts. Underlying cash flows generated by the properties may be adversely impacted by a downturn in the economy as evidenced by increased vacancy rates, which in turn, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment. Management typically obtains rent rolls annually and continually monitors the cash flows of these loans.

Construction - Loans in this segment primarily include speculative construction loans primarily on residential properties for which payment is derived from sale of the property. Credit risk is affected by cost overruns, time to sell at an adequate price, and market conditions. Residential construction loans in this segment also include loans to build one-to-four family owner-occupied properties which are subject to the same credit quality factors as residential real estate.

Commercial - Loans in this segment are made to businesses and are generally secured by assets of the business. Repayment is expected from the cash flows of the business. A weakened economy, and resultant decreased consumer spending, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment.

Home equity lines of credit - Loans in this segment are collateralized by one-to-four family residential real estate and repayment is dependent on the credit quality of the individual borrower. The Company generally does not hold a first mortgage position on homes that secure home equity lines of credit. The overall health of the economy, including unemployment rates and housing prices, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment.

Other consumer - Loans in this segment are generally unsecured and repayment is dependent on the credit quality of the individual borrower.

## Allocated component

The allocated component relates to loans that are classified as impaired. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, if the loan is collateral dependent, by the fair value of the collateral, less estimated costs to sell. An allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value) of the impaired loan are lower than the carrying value of that loan. Large groups of smaller-balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Company does not separately identify performing individual residential and consumer loans for impairment disclosures, unless such loans are subject to a TDR agreement.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed.

## Unallocated component

An unallocated component is maintained to cover additional uncertainties in management's estimation of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating allocated and general reserves in the portfolio.

## NOTE 3 - COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains and losses be included in net income. Although certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, are reported as a separate component of the stockholders' equity section of the consolidated balance sheets, such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income/loss.

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income and related tax effects are as follows:

> September
> 30,
> $2015 \quad 2014$
> (In thousands)

| Unrealized holding gains on securities available for sale | $\$ 593$ | $\$$ | 672 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Tax effect | $(226)$ | $(255$ |  |
| Net-of tax amount | $\$ 367$ | $\$$ | 417 |

## NOTE 4 - RECENT ACCOUNTING AND REGULATORY PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-04, Receivables-Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40). This Update clarifies when an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, that is, when a creditor should be considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan such that the loan receivable should be derecognized and the real estate property recognized. The Company adopted this standard for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 with no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The amendments in this Update create Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, and supersede the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, including most industry-specific revenue recognition guidance throughout the Industry Topics of the Codification. The core principle of Topic 606 is that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. For public companies, this ASU is effective for annual reporting periods, including interim periods, beginning after December 15, 2016. On July 9, 2015, the FASB voted to defer the effective date of this guidance by one year. Early application is permitted but not earlier than the original effective date. Management is currently evaluating the impact to the consolidated financial statements of adopting this update.

## NOTE 5 - SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale, with gross unrealized gains and losses, follows:

September 30, 2015

|  | Amortized | Uross | Gross |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Unrealized | Unrealized | Fair |  |
| Cost | Gains | Losses | Value |
| (In thousands) |  |  |  |


| Residential mortgage-backed securities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Government National Mortgage Association | \$4,737 | \$ | 100 | \$ | (9 |  | \$4,828 |
| Government-sponsored enterprises | 10,353 |  | 260 |  | (19 | ) | 10,594 |
| SBA and other asset-backed securities | 11,806 |  | 213 |  | (65 | ) | 11,954 |
| State and municipal bonds | 6,970 |  | 146 |  | (14 | ) | 7,102 |
| Government-sponsored enterprise obligations | 1,999 |  | - |  | (21 | ) | 1,978 |
| Corporate bonds | 13,715 |  | 49 |  | (47 | ) | 13,717 |
|  | \$49,580 \$ 768 \$ (17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

December 31, 2014

|  |  | Gross | Gross |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Amortized | Enrealized | Unrealized | Fair |
| Cost | Gains | Losses | Value |
| (In thousands) |  |  |  |


| Residential mortgage-backed securities: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\quad$ Government National Mortgage Association | $\$ 5,812$ | $\$ 167$ | $\$(4)$ | $)$ |  |
| Government-sponsored enterprises | 10,806 | 233 | $(38$ | $)$ | 11,001 |
| SBA and other asset-backed securities | 12,761 | 171 | $(35$ | $)$ | 12,897 |
| State and municipal bonds | 5,706 | 171 | $(6)$ | 5,871 |  |
| Government-sponsored enterprise obligations | 6,500 | 6 | $(10$ | $)$ | 6,496 |
| Corporate bonds | 10,424 | 42 | $(25$ | $)$ | 10,441 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 52,009$ | $\$ 790$ | $\$(118$ | $) \$ 52,681$ |  |

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities by contractual maturity at September 30, 2015 are as follows. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because the issuer, in certain instances, has the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

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|  | AmortizedFair |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Cost | Value |  |
| (In thousands) |  |  |
| Within 1 year | $\$ 3,615$ | $\$ 3,625$ |
| After 1 year to 5 years | 8,932 | 8,953 |
| After 5 years to 10 years | 8,115 | 8,143 |
| After 10 years | 2,022 | 2,076 |
|  | 22,684 | 22,797 |
| Mortgage- and asset-backed securities | 26,896 | 27,376 |
|  | $\$ 49,580$ | $\$ 50,173$ |

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For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities amounted to $\$ 1.9$ million with gross realized gains of $\$ 37$ thousand and gross realized losses of $\$ 9$ thousand. There were no proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities during the three months ended September 30, 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities amounted to $\$ 903$ thousand with gross realized gains of $\$ 20$ thousand and $\$ 4$ thousand of gross realized losses.

Information pertaining to securities with gross unrealized losses aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position, follows:

| Less Than <br> Twelve Months | Over Twelve Months |
| :---: | :---: |
| Gross | Gross |
| Unrealizeal | Unrealize $\underset{\text { Galue }}{\text { Fair }}$ |
| Losses <br> (In thousands) | Losses |

September 30, 2015
Residential mortgage-backed securities:
Government National Mortgage Association
Government-sponsored enterprises
SBA and other asset-backed securities

| $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$(9$ | $)$ | $\$ 862$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | $(19$ | $)$ | 726 |
| $(54$ | $)$ | 2,638 | $(11$ | $)$ |
| $(13$ | $)$ | 1,851 | $(1$ | $)$ |
| $(21$ | $)$ | 1,229 | - |  |
| $(38$ | $)$ | 4,046 | $(9$ | $)$ |

\$(126) \$9,763 \$(49 ) \$ 3,450
December 31, 2014
Residential mortgage-backed securities:
Government National Mortgage Association $\quad \$(4 \quad) \$ 867 \quad \$-\quad \$-$
Government-sponsored enterprises (4) 508 (34 ) 805
SBA and other asset-backed securities
State and municipal bond
Government-sponsored enterprise obligations
Corporate bonds
(4 ) 1,009 (31 ) 1,297

State and municipal bonds
Government-sponsored enterprise obligations
Corporate bonds
(38) 4,046 (9) 988
(1 ) $101 \quad(5) \quad 546$
(10 ) 3,490

-     - 

(25 ) 6,719 - -

$$
\$(48) \$ 12,694 \quad \$(70 \quad) \quad \$ 2,648
$$

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such evaluations. At September 30, 2015, various debt securities have unrealized losses with aggregate depreciation of $1.2 \%$ from their aggregate amortized cost basis. These unrealized losses relate principally to the effect of interest rate changes on the fair value of debt securities and not an increase in credit risk of the issuers. As the Company does not intend to sell the securities and it is more likely than
not that the Company will not be required to sell the securities before recovery of their amortized cost, which may be maturity, the Company does not consider these securities to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015.

A summary of the balances of loans is as follows:

|  | September <br> 30, <br> 2015 <br> (In thousan | December 31, $2014$ <br> ds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real estate loans: |  |  |
| Residential - fixed | \$17,256 | \$ 20,651 |
| Residential - variable | 246,974 | 212,621 |
| Commercial | 106,034 | 94,699 |
| Construction | 83,148 | 72,668 |
|  | 453,412 | 400,639 |
| Commercial loans: |  |  |
| Secured | 21,829 | 18,991 |
| Unsecured | 43 | 62 |
|  | 21,872 | 19,053 |
| Consumer loans: |  |  |
| Home equity lines of credit | 31,475 | 28,153 |
| Other | 263 | 292 |
|  | 31,738 | 28,445 |
| Total loans | 507,022 | 448,137 |
| Less: |  |  |
| Allowance for loan losses | (4,966 ) | (4,738 |
| Net deferred origination costs (fees) | 113 | (53 |
| Loans, net | \$502,169 | \$ 443,346 |

The following table summarizes the changes in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

Residenti@lommercial
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Real } & \text { Real } & \text { ConstructionCommercial } \\ \text { Equity } & \text { Other } \\ \text { Consumer }\end{array}$ Unallocatedrotal (In thousands)
Three Months Ended
September 30, 2015

| Allowance at June 30, 2015 | $\$ 1,557$ | $\$ 1,074$ | $\$ 1,295$ | $\$ 461$ | $\$ 223$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 202$ | $\$ 4,816$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provision (credit) for loan <br> losses | $(29$ | $)$ | $(37$ | $)$ | 188 | 9 | $(3$ | $)$ | $(1$ |
| Loans charged off | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23 | 150 |  |
| Allowance at September 30, <br> 2015 | $\$ 1,528$ | $\$ 1,037$ | $\$ 1,483$ | $\$ 470$ | $\$ 220$ | $\$$ | 3 | $\$ 225$ | $\$ 4,966$ |

Three Months Ended
September 30, 2014

| Allowance at June 30, 2014 | $\$ 1,495$ | $\$ 1,001$ | $\$ 1,443$ | $\$ 351$ | $\$ 306$ | $\$$ | 4 | $\$ 13$ | $\$ 4,613$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Provision (credit) for loan | 147 | $(63$ | $)$ | $(39$ | $)$ | 80 | 13 | - | 42 | 180 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| losses | - | - | - |  | $(2$ | $)$ | $(109)$ | - | - | $(111)$ |



Nine Months Ended September
30, 2015
Allowance at December 31, 2014

| Provision (credit) for loan losses | (165 ) | 36 |  | 210 | 42 | (4 |  | (1 |  | 182 | 300 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans charged off | (17 | (55 | ) | - | - | - |  | - |  | - | (72 |
| Allowance at September 30, 2015 | \$1,528 | \$ 1,037 |  | \$ 1,483 | \$ 470 | \$220 | \$ | 3 | \$ | 225 | \$4,966 |

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Nine Months Ended September
30, 2014
Allowance at December 31, 2013

| Provision (credit) for loan <br> losses | 291 | 51 | 99 | 5 | 106 | $(3$ | $)$ | 31 | 580 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Loans charged off | - | - | - | $(2$ | $)$ | $(109)$ | - | - | $(111)$ |
| Allowance at September 30, | $\$ 1,642$ | $\$ 938$ | $\$ 1,404$ | $\$ 429$ | $\$ 210$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 55$ | $\$ 4,682$ |  |
| 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Additional information pertaining to the allowance for loan losses at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is as follows:

Residential Commercial
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Residential Commercial } \\ \text { Real } & \text { Real } & \text { ConstructionCommercial } & \text { Home } \\ \text { Equity } & \text { Other } & \text { Consumer UnallocateTotal }\end{array}$ (In thousands)
September 30, 2015

| Allowance related to <br> impaired loans | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Allowance related to <br> non-impaired loans | 1,528 | 1,037 | 1,483 | 470 | 220 | 3 | 225 | 4,966 |
| Total allowance | $\$ 1,528$ | $\$ 1,037$ | $\$ 1,483$ | $\$ 470$ | $\$ 220$ | $\$ 3$ | $\$ 225$ | $\$ 4,966$ |
| Impaired loan balances | $\$ 1,599$ | $\$ 2,355$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 16$ | $\$ 34$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 4,004$ |
| Non-impaired loan <br> balances | 262,631 | 103,679 | 83,148 | 21,856 | 31,441 | 263 | - | 503,018 |
| Total loans | $\$ 264,230$ | $\$ 106,034$ | $\$ 83,148$ | $\$ 21,872$ | $\$ 31,475$ | $\$ 263$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 507,022$ |

December 31, 2014

| Allowance related to <br> impaired loans | $\$-$ | $\$ 51$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 51$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Allowance related to <br> non-impaired loans | 1,710 | 1,005 | 1,273 | 428 | 224 | 4 | 43 | 4,687 |
| Total allowance | $\$ 1,710$ | $\$ 1,056$ | $\$ 1,273$ | $\$ 428$ | $\$ 224$ | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 43$ | $\$ 4,738$ |
| Impaired loan balances | $\$ 1,521$ | $\$ 3,356$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 22$ | $\$ 146$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 5,045$ |
| Non-impaired loan <br> balances | 231,751 | 91,343 | 72,668 | 19,031 | 28,007 | 292 | - | 443,092 |
| Total loans | $\$ 233,272$ | $\$ 94,699$ | $\$ 72,668$ | $\$ 19,053$ | $\$ 28,153$ | $\$ 292$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 448,137$ |

The following is a summary of past due and non-accrual loans at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| $30-59$ | 60-89 Days | Past Due 90 | Total | Past Due 90 | Non- |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Days | Past Due | Days or |  |  |  |
| More | Past Due | Days or More <br> and Still | accrual <br> Last Due | Accruing |  |
| (In thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |

September 30, 2015

| Residential real estate | $\$ 1,095$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 216$ | $\$ 1,311$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 1,412$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Commercial real estate | - | - | 660 | 660 |  | - | 2,355 |  |
| Commercial | 16 | - | - | 16 |  | - | 16 |  |
| Home equity lines of credit | - | - | - | - |  | - | 34 |  |
| Total | $\$ 1,111$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 876$ | $\$ 1,987$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 3,817$ |

December 31, 2014

| Residential real estate | $\$-$ | $\$$ | - | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 1,313$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial real estate | 832 |  | - | 759 | 1,591 |  | - | 3,356 |
| Commercial | - |  | - | - | - |  | - | 22 |
| Home equity lines of credit | - |  | - | - | - |  | - | 146 |
| Total | $\$ 832$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 759$ | $\$ 1,591$ | $\$$ | - | $\$ 4,837$ |

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The following is a summary of impaired loans at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

|  | September 30, 2015 |  |  |  | December 31, 2014 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Record Investm (In thou | Unpaid <br> Principal <br> Balance <br> sands) | Related <br> Allowance |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unpaid } \\ & \text { Recordeo } \begin{array}{l} \text { Orincipal } \\ \text { Investment } \end{array} \text { Balance } \end{aligned}$ |  | Related <br> Allowance |  |
| Impaired loans without a valuation allowance: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential real estate | \$1,599 | \$ 1,599 | \$ | - | \$1,521 | \$ 1,521 | \$ | - |
| Commercial real estate | 2,355 | 2,355 |  | - | 2,597 | 2,597 |  | - |
| Commercial | 16 | 16 |  | - | 22 | 22 |  | - |
| Home equity lines of credit | 34 | 34 |  | - | 146 | 146 |  | - |
| Total | 4,004 | 4,004 |  | - | 4,286 | 4,286 |  | - |
| Impaired loans with a valuation allowance: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial real estate | - | - |  | - | 759 | 759 |  | 51 |
| Total impaired loans | \$4,004 | \$ 4,004 | \$ | - | \$5,045 | \$ 5,045 |  | 51 |

Additional information pertaining to impaired loans follows:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, <br> 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |

on Cash Basis on Cash Basis
(In thousands)

| Residential real estate | $\$ 410$ | $\$$ | 4 | $\$$ | 4 |  | $\$ 421$ | $\$$ | 8 | $\$$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Commercial real estate | 2,581 |  | 38 |  | 27 |  | 4,498 |  | 77 |  |
| Commercial | 26 | - |  | - | 29 |  | 1 | 54 |  |  |
| Home equity lines of credit | 427 | 4 |  | - | 427 |  | 8 | 1 |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

No additional funds are committed to be advanced in connection with impaired loans.

TDRs, which are included in impaired loans, totaled \$403 thousand at September 30, 2015 and $\$ 220$ thousand at December 31, 2014. TDRs on non-accrual status totaled $\$ 216$ thousand at September 30, 2105 and $\$ 220$ thousand at December 31, 2014.

There were no TDRs recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. There were no TDRs that defaulted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and for which default was within one year of the restructure date.

## Credit Quality Information

The Company utilizes an eleven-grade internal loan rating system for commercial real estate, construction and commercial loans.

Loans rated 1-4: Loans in these categories are considered "pass" rated loans with low to average risk.

Loans rated 5: Loans in this category are considered "special mention." These loans are starting to show signs of potential weakness and are being closely monitored by management.

Loans rated 6: Loans in this category are considered "substandard." Generally, a loan is considered substandard if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligors and/or the collateral pledged. There is a distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the weakness is not corrected.

Loans rated 7: Loans in this category are considered "doubtful." Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, highly questionable and improbable.

Loans rated 8: Loans in this category are considered uncollectible ("loss") and of such little value that their continuance as loans is not warranted.

Loans rated 9: Loans in this category only include commercial loans under $\$ 25$ thousand with no other outstandings or relationships with the Company.

Loans rated 10: Loans in this category include loans which otherwise require rating but which have not been rated, or loans for which the Company's loan policy does not require rating.

Loans rated 11: Loans in this category include credit commitments/relationships that cannot be rated due to a lack of financial information or inaccurate financial information. If, within 60 days of the assignment of an 11 rating, information is still not available to allow a standard rating, the credit will be rated 6 .

On an annual basis, or more often if needed, the Company formally reviews the ratings on all commercial real estate, construction and commercial loans. During each calendar year, the Company engages an independent third party to review a significant portion of loans within these segments. Management uses the results of these reviews as part of its annual review process. On a monthly basis, the Company reviews the residential real estate and consumer loan portfolio for credit quality primarily through the use of delinquency reports.

The following table presents the Company's loans by risk rating:


NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value hierarchy

The Company groups its assets and liabilities generally measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value.

Level 1 - Valuation is based on quoted market prices in active exchange markets for identical assets and liabilities. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources.

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Level 2 - Valuation is based on observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets and liabilities. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources.

Level 3 - Valuation is based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities. Level 3 includes assets and liabilities whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

Transfers between levels are recognized at the end of a reporting period, if applicable.

Determination of fair value

The Company uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is best determined based upon quoted market prices. However, in many instances, there are no quoted market prices for the Company's various financial instruments. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. Accordingly, the fair value estimates may not be realized in an immediate settlement of the instrument.

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating fair value disclosures:

Cash, cash equivalents and certificates of deposit: The carrying amounts approximate fair values based on the short-term nature of the assets.

Securities available for sale: Fair value measurements are obtained from a third-party pricing service and are not adjusted by management. All securities are measured at fair value in Level 2 are based on pricing models that consider standard input factors such as observable market data, benchmark yields, interest rate volatilities, broker/dealer quotes, credit spreads and new issue data.

Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") stock: The carrying value of FHLB stock is deemed to approximate fair value based on the redemption provisions of the FHLB of Boston.

Loans held for sale: Fair values are based on commitments in effect from investors or prevailing market prices.

Loans, net: For variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. Fair values for other loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using market interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. Fair values for impaired loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses or underlying collateral values, where applicable.

Deposits: The fair values disclosed for non-certificate deposit accounts are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies market interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

Short-term borrowings: The carrying amount of short-term borrowings approximates fair value, based on the short-term nature of the liabilities.

Long-term debt: The fair values of long-term debt are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on the current incremental borrowing rates in the market for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

Accrued interest: The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate fair value.

Forward loan sale commitments and derivative loan commitments: The fair value of forward loan sale commitments and derivative loan commitments are based on fair values of the underlying mortgage loans, including servicing values as applicable. The fair value of derivative loan commitments also considers the probability of such commitments being exercised.

Off-balance sheet instruments: Fair values for off-balance-sheet lending commitments are based on fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties' credit standing. The fair values of these instruments are considered immaterial.

## Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are summarized below.

September 30, 2015
Total
Level Level 2 Level 3 Fair Value
(In thousands)
Assets
Securities available for sale $\$-\$ 50,173 \quad \$ \quad-\quad 50,173$
Liabilities
Forward loan sale commitments \$-\$8 \$ - \$8

December 31, 2014
Total
Level
1 Level 2 Level 3 Fair Value
(In thousands)
Assets
Securities available for sale $\$$ - $\$ 52,681 \quad \$ \quad-\quad 52,681$
Forward loan sale commitments - 8 - 8

Total assets \$-\$52,689 \$ — \$ 52,689
Liabilities

Derivative loan commitments $\$-\$ 5 \quad \$ \quad-\$ 5$

Assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis

The Company may also be required, from time to time, to measure certain other financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These adjustments to fair value usually result from application of lower-of-cost-or-market ("LOCOM") accounting or write-downs of individual assets. The following table summarizes the fair value hierarchy used to determine each adjustment and the carrying value of the related individual assets as of December 31, 2014. There were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as September 30, 2015.
$\left.\begin{array}{llllll} & \begin{array}{l}\text { September 30, 2015 } \\ \\ \text { Level }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { December 31, } 2014 \\ 1 \\ \text { Level 2 }\end{array} \\ & \text { Level 3 } \\ \text { (In thousands) }\end{array}\right)$

The following table presents the total gains (losses) on loans held for sale and impaired loans recorded at fair value for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.


Loans held for sale ("LHFS") are evaluated for losses associated with the application of LOCOM accounting. A rise in market interest rates above contractual loan rates from the time LHFS were recorded is reflected as a reduction in the carrying value of the asset and a loss is recognized in current period earnings. Losses applicable to certain impaired loans are estimated using the appraised value of the underlying collateral considering discounting factors and adjusted for selling costs. The loss is not recorded directly as an adjustment to current earnings, but rather as a component in determining the overall adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. Adjustments to the estimated fair value of impaired loans may result in increases or decreases to the provision for loan losses.

There are no liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Summary of fair values of financial instruments

The estimated fair values and related carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments are outlined in the table below. Certain financial instruments and all nonfinancial instruments are excluded from disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented herein may not necessarily represent the underlying fair value of the Company.

September 30, 2015
Financial assets:

| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 15,881$ | $\$ 15,881$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 15,881$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Certificates of deposit | 100 | 100 | - | - | 100 |
| Securities available for sale | 50,173 | - | 50,173 | - | 50,173 |
| FHLB stock | 5,205 | - | - | 5,205 | 5,205 |
| Loans, net | 502,169 | - | - | 496,806 | 496,806 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 1,392 | - | - | 1,392 | 1,392 |

Financial liabilities:
Deposits
Short-term borrowings
Long-term debt
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Accrued interest payable } & 80 & - & - & 80 & 80\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Forward loan sale commitments } & 8 & - & 8 & - & 8\end{array}$
December 31, 2014
Financial assets:

| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 19,271$ | $\$ 19,271$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 19,271$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Certificates of deposit | 100 | 100 | - | - | 100 |
| Securities available for sale | 52,681 | - | 52,681 | - | 52,681 |
| FHLB stock | 3,660 | - | - | 3,660 | 3,660 |
| Loans held for sale | 537 | - | 537 | - | 537 |
| Loans, net | 443,346 | - | - | 441,720 | 441,720 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 1,216 | - | - | 1,216 | 1,216 |
| Forward loan sale commitments | 8 | - | 8 | - | 8 |

Financial liabilities:

| Deposits | $\$ 422,245$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 422,731$ | $\$ 422,731$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Short-term borrowings | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |


| Long-term debt | 59,500 | - | 59,504 | - | 59,504 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Accrued interest payable | 61 | - | - | 61 | 61 |
| Derivative loan commitments | 5 | - | 5 | - | 5 |

## NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

The Bank maintains an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP") to provide eligible employees the opportunity to own Company stock. This plan is a tax-qualified retirement plan for the benefit of all Company employees.
Contributions are allocated to eligible participants on the basis of compensation, subject to federal tax limits.

The Company granted a loan to the ESOP to purchase shares of the Company's common stock on the closing date of the Company's mutual to stock conversion in 2012. As of September 30, 2015, the ESOP held 188,324 shares or $7.66 \%$ of the common stock outstanding on that date. The loan obtained by the ESOP from the Company to purchase common stock is payable annually over 15 years at a fixed rate of $3.25 \%$ per annum. The loan can be prepaid without penalty. Loan payments are expected to be funded by cash contributions from the Bank. The loan is secured by the shares purchased, which are held in a trust account for allocation among participants as the loan is repaid. Cash dividends paid on allocated shares will be distributed to participants and cash dividends paid on unallocated shares will be used to repay the outstanding debt of the ESOP. Shares used as collateral to secure the loan are released and available for allocation to eligible employees as the principal and interest on the loan is paid.

Shares held by the ESOP at September 30, 2015 include the following:

Allocated 33,265
Committed to be allocated 9,629
Unallocated 145,430
188,324

The fair value of unallocated shares was approximately $\$ 2.8$ million at September 30, 2015.

Total compensation expense recognized in connection with the ESOP for the three and nine months ended September 30 , 2015 was $\$ 63$ thousand and $\$ 185$ thousand, respectively.

## NOTE 9 - EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

Under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"), the Company may grant stock options to its employees and directors in the form of incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options for up to 240,751 shares of its common stock. The exercise price of each stock option shall not be less than the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, and the maximum term of each option is ten years from the date of each award. The vesting period is five years from the date of grant, with vesting at $20 \%$ per year.

A restricted stock award (the "award") is a grant of shares of Company common stock for no consideration, subject to a vesting schedule or the satisfaction of market conditions or performance criteria. Under the Equity Incentive Plan, the Company may also grant stock awards to management, employees and directors for up to 96,286 shares. Awarded shares are held in reserve for each grantee by the Company's transfer agent, and will be issued from previously authorized but unissued shares upon vesting. The fair value of the stock awards, based on the market price at the grant date, will be recognized over the five-year vesting period.

## Stock Options

A summary of option activity under the Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is presented below:

| Options | Number of Shares | Weighted <br> Average <br> Exercise Price | Weighted <br> Average <br> Remaining <br> Contractual <br> Term | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (In thousands) |  | Term <br> (In years) |  | thousands) |
| Outstanding at beginning of period | 214 | \$ 15.84 | 8.02 | \$ | 707 |
| Forfeited | (1 | 17.45 | - |  |  |
| Outstanding at end of period | 213 | \$ 15.84 | 7.27 | \$ | 706 |
| Options exercisable at end of period | 76 | \$ 15.38 | 7.02 | \$ | 287 |

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, share based compensation expense applicable to the stock options was $\$ 51$ thousand and $\$ 48$ thousand, respectively. The recognized tax benefit related to this expense was $\$ 10$ thousand for both periods.

For each of the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, share based compensation expense applicable to the stock options was $\$ 149$ thousand. The recognized tax benefit related to this expense was $\$ 28$ thousand for both periods.

Unrecognized compensation expense for non-vested stock options totaled $\$ 513$ thousand as of September 30, 2015, which will be recognized over the remaining vesting period of 2.3 years.

## Stock Awards

There was no activity in non-vested restricted stock awards under the Equity Incentive Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, compensation expense applicable to the stock awards was $\$ 71$ thousand and $\$ 64$ thousand, respectively. The recognized tax benefit related to this expense was $\$ 28$ thousand and \$26 thousand, respectively.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, compensation expense applicable to the stock awards was $\$ 223$ thousand and $\$ 202$ thousand, respectively. The recognized tax benefit related to the expense was $\$ 89$ thousand and $\$ 80$ thousand, respectively.

Unrecognized compensation expense for non-vested restricted stock totaled $\$ 660$ thousand as of September 30, 2015, which will be recognized over the remaining weighted average vesting period of 2.4 years.

## NOTE 10 - EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

Basic earnings per share represents income available to common stockholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share reflect additional common shares that would have been outstanding if dilutive potential common shares had been issued, as well as any adjustment to income that would result from the assumed issuance. Unallocated ESOP shares are not deemed outstanding for earnings per share calculations. Under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, stock awards contain non-forfeitable dividend rights. Accordingly, these shares are considered outstanding for computation of basic earnings per share. Potential common shares that may be issued by the Company relate to outstanding stock options and restricted stock awards and are determined using the treasury stock method.

Earnings per common share have been computed as follows:


Options for 31,400 shares were not included in the computations of diluted earnings per share because to do so would have been anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. Options for 10,500 shares were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because to do so would have been anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. Anti-dilutive shares are common stock equivalents with exercise prices in excess of the average market share value of the Company's stock for the periods presented.

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## NOTE 11 - DIVIDENDS DECLARED

On August 19, 2015, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.03$ per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend was payable to stockholders of record on September 2, 2015, and paid on September 16, 2015

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# Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation 

## Safe Harbor Statement for Forward-Looking Statements


#### Abstract

This report may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These statements are not historical facts; rather they are statements based on the Company's current expectations regarding its business strategies and their intended results and its future performance. Forward-looking statements are preceded by terms such as "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "intends" and similar expressions.


Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Numerous risks and uncertainties could cause or contribute to the Company's actual results, performance and achievements being materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause or contribute to these differences include, without limitation, general economic conditions, including changes in market interest rates and changes in monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government; legislative and regulatory changes; the quality and composition of the loan and investment securities portfolio; loan demand; deposit flows; competition; and changes in accounting principles and guidelines. Additional factors that may affect our results are discussed in the Company's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K under the section titled "Item 1A.-Risk Factors." These factors should be considered in evaluating the forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, the Company assumes no obligation and disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

## Critical Accounting Policies

We consider accounting policies involving significant judgments and assumptions by management that have, or could have, a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets or on income to be critical accounting policies.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is the amount estimated by management as necessary to cover losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The allowance is established through the provision for loan losses, which is charged to income. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses necessarily involves a high degree of judgment. Among the material estimates required to establish the allowance are: the likelihood of default; the loss exposure at default; the amount and timing of future cash flows on impaired loans; the value of collateral; and the determination of loss factors to be applied to the various elements of the portfolio. All of these estimates are susceptible to significant change. Management reviews the level of the allowance at least quarterly
and establishes the provision for loan losses based upon an evaluation of the portfolio, past loss experience, current economic conditions and other factors related to the collectibility of the loan portfolio. Although we believe that we use the best information available to establish the allowance for loan losses, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if economic or other conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used in making the evaluation. In addition, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Massachusetts Commissioner of Banks, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowance for loan losses and may require us to recognize adjustments to the allowance based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination. A large loss could deplete the allowance and require increased provisions to replenish the allowance, which would adversely affect earnings.

Deferred Tax Assets. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are reflected at currently enacted income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled. Management reviews deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis to identify any uncertainties pertaining to realization of such assets. In determining whether a valuation allowance is required against deferred tax assets, management assesses historical and forecasted operating results, including a review of eligible carry-forward periods, tax planning opportunities and other relevant considerations. We believe the accounting estimate related to the valuation allowance is a critical estimate because the underlying assumptions can change from period to period. For example, tax law changes or variances in future projected operating performance could result in a change in the valuation allowance. Should actual factors and conditions differ materially from those used by management, the actual realization of net deferred tax assets could differ materially from the amounts recorded in the financial statements. If we were not able to realize all or part of our deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the related valuation allowance would be charged to income tax expense in the period such determination was made and could have a negative impact on earnings. In addition, if actual factors and conditions differ materially from those used by management, we could incur penalties and interest imposed by taxing authorities. A valuation allowance was not required for the five-year charitable carry-forward created primarily by the contribution of 157,477 shares of the Company's common stock to the Wellesley Charitable Foundation as part of the mutual to stock conversion. Based on historical income it is expected that there will be sufficient income to be able to deduct the entire amount of the contribution over future years.

## Comparison of Financial Condition at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014

General. Total assets increased $\$ 54.4$ million, or $10.2 \%$, from $\$ 535.1$ million at December 31, 2014 to $\$ 589.5$ million at September 30, 2015. Total asset growth resulted from an increase in net loans of $\$ 58.8$ million, or $13.3 \%$, partially offset by a reduction of $\$ 3.4$ million, or $17.6 \%$, in cash and cash equivalents, and a decrease of $\$ 2.5$ million, or $4.8 \%$, in securities available for sale.

Loans. The $\$ 58.8$ million increase in loans was due primarily to an increase of $\$ 31.0$ million, or $13.3 \%$, in residential real estate loans. We have continued to grow our residential lending activity through our internal loan origination efforts throughout our CRA assessment area. Adjustable-rate residential mortgage loans increased $\$ 34.4$ million, or $16.2 \%$, to $\$ 247.0$ million while fixed-rate residential loans decreased $\$ 3.4$ million, or $16.4 \%$. Construction loans increased $\$ 10.5$ million, or $14.4 \%$, primarily due to continuing strong demand for new housing within our markets. At September 30, 2015, balances of nonaccrual loans decreased from December 31, 2014 levels, reflecting improving collection patterns. Substantially all delinquent loans are secured by real estate collateral with values exceeding outstanding loan principal. Any losses expected on delinquent loans have been charged-off against the allowance for loan losses as of September 30, 2015.

Securities. Total securities decreased from $\$ 52.7$ million at December 31, 2014 to $\$ 50.2$ million at September 30, 2015, as available liquidity has been directed toward funding lending activities as opportunities arise.

Deposits. Total deposits increased $\$ 30.5$ million, or $7.2 \%$, from $\$ 422.2$ million at December 31, 2014 to $\$ 452.7$ million at September 30, 2015. Certificates of deposit increased $\$ 29.5$ million, or $20.6 \%$, reflecting an increase of $\$ 18.2$ million in our premium priced longer-term retail certificate offerings and $\$ 11.3$ million increase in deposits gathered through a national clearinghouse of institutional deposits. Demand deposits and NOW accounts increased $\$ 11.2$ million, or $19.0 \%$, to $\$ 70.1$ million as growth has been realized in retail accounts. Savings account balances decreased $\$ 14.9$ million, or $12.5 \%$, primarily in response to the downward repricing of our most competitive account offering during the year.

Borrowings. We use borrowings to supplement our supply of funds for lending and investing activities. Long-term debt, consisting entirely of FHLB advances, increased $\$ 7.4$ million, or $12.5 \%$, for the nine months ended September 30,2015 as we funded a portion of our loan growth during the period with extended maturity advances at low rates. Short-term borrowings consist entirely of advances from the FHLB with initial maturities less than one year. Balances of short-term borrowings increased $\$ 14.0$ million, or $700.0 \%$, since December 31, 2014 as shorter-term borrowings remain a cost effective source of funds for certain lending activities and for supporting overall bank liquidity needs.

Stockholders' Equity. Stockholders' equity increased $\$ 2.0$ million, or $4.1 \%$, from $\$ 49.3$ million at December 31, 2014 to $\$ 51.4$ million at September 30, 2015, primarily as a result of net income for the nine-month period of $\$ 1.7$ million and share-based compensation related to the equity plans of $\$ 372$ thousand, offset by dividend payments of \$209 thousand.

## Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014

Overview. Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was $\$ 700$ thousand, compared to net income of $\$ 516$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2014. The $\$ 184$ thousand increase was primarily due to an increase in net interest income, partially offset by an increase in noninterest expenses. Net interest income increased $\$ 555$ thousand to $\$ 4.7$ million in the 2015 quarter, while noninterest expense increased $\$ 351$ thousand to $\$ 3.7$ million in the same period.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income for the three months ended September 30, 2015 increased 13.5\%, to \$4.7 million as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to increases in the average balances of loans, partially offset by a decline in loan yields and higher interest costs associated with an increase in the average balance of deposits.

Interest and dividend income increased $\$ 646$ thousand, or $12.9 \%$, from $\$ 5.0$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 to $\$ 5.6$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The average balance of interest-earning assets increased $16.7 \%$, while the average rate earned on these assets decreased 13 basis points. The decline in earning asset yield was more than offset by the improvement in interest income attributable to asset growth. Interest and fees on loans increased $\$ 618$ thousand, or $13.1 \%$, due to a $16.6 \%$ increase in the average balance of loans, partially offset by a 13 basis point decrease in the average rate received on loans. The decline in loan yields was due to the growth in balances of lower yielding adjustable-rate real estate loans added to the portfolio and the downward re-pricing of loans in the continued low rate environment. Interest income from taxable securities increased $\$ 3$ thousand, or $1.5 \%$, due to a $17.7 \%$ increase in the average balance of taxable securities as compared to the prior year period, partially offset by a 30 basis point decrease in the average rate earned on taxable securities as compared to the same period in the prior year. Decreases in yields on investment securities are due to the reinvestment of funds from maturing securities during a period of low and declining interest rates.

The increase in interest expense of $\$ 91$ thousand was primarily due to higher interest expense associated with expanded use of short-term and long-term FHLB borrowings. Interest expense associated with long-term advances increased $\$ 50$ thousand to $\$ 223$ thousand while interest expense on short-term borrowings increased $\$ 22$ thousand to $\$ 24$ thousand. The average rates paid on interest-bearing deposits of $0.77 \%$ decreased six basis points, as compared to the prior year. The decrease in the cost of savings and NOW accounts reflects the reduction of rates paid on certain products in these categories while higher costs associated with money market accounts and term certificates reflect premium rate offerings on these products as compared to the prior year. The continued long-term low interest rate environment has resulted in lower costs on total interest-bearing liabilities as the mix of funding has been shifted to lower cost products and funding sources. We experienced an increase of $10.5 \%$ in the average balance of interest-bearing deposits and a $16.5 \%$ increase in the average balance of total interest-bearing liabilities in the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014.

Average Balances and Yields. The following table presents information regarding average balances of assets and liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income and dividends from average interest-earning assets, the total dollar amounts of interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, and the resulting annualized average yields and costs. The yields and costs for the periods indicated are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balances of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances have been calculated using daily balances. Loan fees are included in interest income on loans and are insignificant. Yields are not presented on a tax-equivalent basis. Any adjustments necessary to present yields on a tax-equivalent basis are insignificant.
(Dollars in thousands)
For the Three Months Ended September 30,
2015

|  | Interest | Average |  | Interest | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstandin | gEarned/ |  | Outstandi | gEarned/ |  |
| Balance | Paid |  | Balance | Paid |  |

Interest-earning assets:

| Short-term investments | $\$ 15,095$ | $\$ 8$ | 0.22 | $\%$ | $\$ 13,804$ | $\$ 8$ | 0.23 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Debt securities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable | 43,482 | 204 | 1.88 | 36,944 | 201 | 2.18 |  |
| Tax-exempt | 6,710 | 50 | 2.98 | 5,885 | 49 | 3.36 |  |
| Total loans and loans held for sale | 494,911 | 5,342 | 4.33 | 424,583 | 4,724 | 4.46 |  |
| FHLB stock | 5,085 | 36 | 2.87 | 3,365 | 12 | 1.40 |  |
| Total interest-earning assets | 565,283 | 5,640 | 4.00 | 484,581 | 4,994 | 4.13 |  |
| Allowance for loan losses | $(4,867)$ |  |  | $(4,672)$ |  |  |  |
| Total interest-earning assets less allowance for | 560,416 |  |  | 479,909 |  |  |  |
| loan losses | 21,403 |  |  | 16,865 |  |  |  |
| Noninterest-earning assets | $\$ 581,819$ |  |  | $\$ 496,774$ |  |  |  |
| Total assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | $\$ 103,792$ | 159 | 0.61 | $\%$ | $\$ 84,822$ | 163 | 0.77 |
| Regular savings accounts | 29,383 | 24 | 0.33 | 23,900 | 21 | 0.36 |  |
| NOW checking accounts | 77,627 | 102 | 0.52 | 64,055 | 82 | 0.51 |  |
| Money market accounts | 165,148 | 437 | 1.06 | 167,292 | 437 | 1.05 |  |
| Certificates of deposit | 375,950 | 722 | 0.77 | 340,069 | 703 | 0.83 |  |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 21,772 | 24 | 0.44 | 1,456 | 2 | 0.55 |  |
| Short-term borrowings | 66,413 | 223 | 1.33 | 56,783 | 173 | 1.21 |  |
| Long-term debt | 464,135 | 969 | 0.83 | 398,308 | 878 | 0.88 |  |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 64,735 |  |  | 47,916 |  |  |  |
| Noninterest-bearing demand deposits | 2,017 |  |  | 2,112 |  |  |  |
| Other noninterest-bearing liabilities | 530,887 |  |  | 448,336 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | 50,932 |  |  | 48,438 |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity | $\$ 581,819$ |  |  | $\$ 496,774$ |  | $\$ 4,116$ |  |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity |  | $\$ 4,671$ |  |  |  |  | 3.25 |

Net interest margin (4)
Average total interest-earning assets to average total interest-bearing liabilities
(1) Ratios for the three month periods have been annualized.
(2) Represents the difference between the weighted average yield on average interest-earning assets and the weighted 2) average cost of interest-bearing liabilities.
(3) Represents total average interest-earning assets less total average interest-bearing liabilities.
(4)

Represents net interest income as a percent of average interest-earning assets.

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Rate/Volume Analysis. The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effects attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The total increase (decrease) column represents the sum of the prior columns. For purposes of this table, changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume that cannot be segregated have been allocated proportionally based on the changes due to rate and the changes due to volume.
(In thousands)
Interest-earning assets:
Short-term investments
Debt securities:
Taxable
Tax-exempt
Total loans and loans held for sale
FHLB stock
Total interest-earning assets
Interest-bearing liabilities:
Regular savings 36
NOW checking
Money market
Certificates of deposit
Total interest-bearing deposits
Short-term borrowings
Long-term debt
Total interest-bearing liabilities
Increase (decrease) in net interest income \$ 672
13
3
754
8
778

4
18
(5
53
22
31
106

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015
Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Increase (Decrease)
Due to Total Increase
Volume Rate (Decrease)
\$ - $\quad$ -
(10 ) 3
(2) 1
(136 ) 618
$16 \quad 24$
(132) 646
$\left(\begin{array}{lll}(40 & ) & (4\end{array}\right)$
(1) 3

20
5
(34 ) 19

- 22
$19 \quad 50$
(15 ) 91
\$ (117 ) \$ 555

Provision for Loan Losses. The provision for loan losses was $\$ 150$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to $\$ 180$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2014. In the 2015 period, the decrease in the provision primarily reflects continued improvement in the quality of our commercial loan portfolio, a reduction in past due and impaired commercial loans and an extended period of positive regional economic factors supporting our analysis of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses, primarily as to the impact on the residential mortgage portfolio.

Analysis of Loan Loss Experience. The following table sets forth an analysis of the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated.

|  | Three Months Ended |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | September 30, |  |  |
| (Dollars in thousands) | 2015 | 2014 |  |
| Allowance at beginning of period | $\$ 4,816$ | $\$ 4,613$ |  |
| Provision for loan losses | 150 | 180 |  |
| Charge-offs | - | $(111$ | $)$ |
| Recoveries | - | - | $(111$ |$)$

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income totaled $\$ 290$ thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2015, an increase of $\$ 46$ thousand, or $18.9 \%$, as compared to the prior year. Gains on the sales of securities increased $\$ 28$ thousand from the comparable prior year period as no sales of securities were recorded in the 2014 third quarter. Wealth management fees increased $\$ 13$ thousand, or $11.1 \%$, from the comparable 2014 period primarily due to an increase in the balance of assets under management, partially offset by a decrease in fees due to revisions to our fee structures which reduced certain account charges.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expense increased $\$ 351$ thousand to $\$ 3.7$ million ng the three months ended September 30, 2015, from $\$ 3.3$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2014. Factors that contributed to the increase in noninterest expense during the 2015 period were increased salaries and employee benefits of $\$ 128$ thousand, or $6.4 \%$, primarily attributable to additional personnel within our wealth management subsidiary, and the increased cost of benefit programs within the organization. Occupancy and equipment expense increased \$113 thousand resulting from normal rent increases and additional rent and other expense associated with expanded office space. Professional fees increased $\$ 41$ thousand, or $29.1 \%$, as we incurred costs related to employee training programs and consulting costs associated with business process improvements.

Income Taxes. An income tax provision of $\$ 435$ thousand was recorded during the three months ended September 30,2015 , compared to a provision of $\$ 339$ thousand in the comparable 2014 period. The effective tax rate for the 2015 three-month period was $38.3 \%$, compared with $39.4 \%$ for the 2014 three-month period.

## Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014

Overview. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was $\$ 1.7$ million, compared to net income of $\$ 1.3$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The $\$ 403$ thousand increase was primarily due to increased net interest income of $\$ 1.5$ million, partially offset by increased noninterest expenses of $\$ 1.3$ million.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 totaled $\$ 13.4$ million, an increase of $13.0 \%$, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to an increase in interest income of $\$ 1.7$ million, or $11.5 \%$, partially offset by an rease in interest expense of $\$ 110$ thousand, or $4.4 \%$, during the period.

Interest and dividend income increased by $\$ 1.7$ million to $\$ 16.1$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 from $\$ 14.4$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2014. The average balance of interest-earning assets increased $14.6 \%$, while the average rate earned on these assets decreased 12 basis points. Interest and fees on loans increased $\$ 1.5$ million, or $10.7 \%$, due to a $13.2 \%$ increase in the average balance of loans partially offset by a 10 basis point decrease in the average rate received on loans. Interest income from taxable securities increased $\$ 153$ thousand, or $28.8 \%$ due to a $31.0 \%$ increase in the average balance of taxable securities partially offset by a four basis point decrease in the average rate earned on taxable securities compared to the prior year period.

The increase in interest expense was primarily due to growth in the average balance of FHLB short-term and long-term borrowings. Long-term debt expense increased $\$ 132$ thousand as the average balance of long-term FHLB advances increased $\$ 12.6$ million from $\$ 49.6$ million to $\$ 62.1$ million. Short-term borrowing expense increased $\$ 37$ thousand as average balances increased $\$ 11.1$ million. Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease of $\$ 59$ thousand in the cost of interest-bearing deposits. The average rates paid on interest-bearing deposits for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 decreased 10 basis points from the prior year's comparative nine-month period as balances of lower cost savings accounts represented a larger portion of overall deposit balances. The average rates paid on all interest-bearing liabilities decreased by eight basis points from the prior year's comparative nine-month period primarily due to the extended period of declining interest rates and a more cost-effective mix of funds.

Average Balances and Yields. The following table presents information regarding average balances of assets and liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income and dividends from average interest-earning assets, the total dollar amounts of interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, and the resulting annualized average yields and costs. The yields and costs for the periods indicated are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balances of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances have been calculated using daily balances. Loan fees are included in interest income on loans and are insignificant. Yields are not presented on a tax-equivalent basis. Any adjustments necessary to present yields on a tax-equivalent basis are insignificant.
(Dollars in thousands)

Interest-earning assets:
Short-term investments
Debt securities:
Taxable
Tax-exempt
Total loans and loans held for sale
FHLB stock
Total interest-earning assets
Allowance for loan losses
Total interest-earning assets less allowance for
loan losses
Noninterest-earning assets
Total assets
Interest-bearing liabilities:

| Regular savings accounts | \$ 111,975 | 527 | 0.63 | \% | \$81,890 | 458 | 0.75 | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NOW checking accounts | 29,422 | 71 | 0.32 |  | 24,143 | 65 | 0.36 |  |
| Money market accounts | 77,803 | 302 | 0.52 |  | 60,025 | 227 | 0.51 |  |
| Certificates of deposit | 147,264 | 1,107 | 1.01 |  | 167,808 | 1,316 | 1.05 |  |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 366,464 | 2,007 | 0.73 |  | 333,866 | 2,066 | 0.83 |  |
| Short-term borrowings | 14,112 | 45 | 0.43 |  | 2,982 | 8 | 0.34 |  |
| Long-term debt | 62,109 | 583 | 1.26 |  | 49,558 | 451 | 1.22 |  |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 442,685 | 2,635 | 0.79 |  | 386,406 | 2,525 | 0.87 |  |
| Noninterest-bearing demand deposits | 60,540 |  |  |  | 45,934 |  |  |  |
| Other noninterest-bearing liabilities | 1,672 |  |  |  | 2,020 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | 504,897 |  |  |  | 434,360 |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity | 50,192 |  |  |  | 47,907 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$555,089 |  |  |  | \$482,267 |  |  |  |
| Net interest income |  | \$ 13,445 |  |  |  | \$ 11,901 |  |  |
| Net interest rate spread (2) |  |  | 3.19 | \% |  |  | 3.23 | \% |
| Net interest-earning assets (3) | \$97,223 |  |  |  | \$84,536 |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin (4) |  |  | 3.33 | \% |  |  | 3.38 | \% |

Average total interest-earning assets to average total interest-bearing liabilities
(1) Represents the difference between the weighted average yield on average interest-earning assets and the weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities.
(3) Represents total average interest-earning assets less total average interest-bearing liabilities. (4) Represents net interest income as a percent of average interest-earning assets.

Rate/Volume Analysis. The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effects attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The total increase (decrease) column represents the sum of the prior columns. For purposes of this table, changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume that cannot be segregated have been allocated proportionally based on the changes due to rate and the changes due to volume.
(In thousands)
Interest-earning assets:
Short-term investments
Debt securities:
Taxable
Tax-exempt
Total loans and loans held for sale
FHLB stock
Total interest-earning assets
Interest-bearing liabilities:
Regular savings
NOW checking
Money market
Certificates of deposit
Total interest-bearing deposits
Short-term borrowings
Long-term debt
Total interest-bearing liabilities
Increase (decrease) in net interest income \$ 1,753
162
13
1,759
15
1,951

122
11
69
(156
46
35
117
198

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015
Compared to
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
Increase (Decrease)
Due to Total Increase

Volume Rate (Decrease)
$\$ 2 \quad \$(2) \$-$
(9) 153
(9) 4
(295 ) 1,464
1833
(297 ) 1,654

| $(52$ | 70 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $(5)$ | 6 |

(5 ) 6
$5 \quad 74$
(53 ) (209 )
(105 ) (59 )
237
$15 \quad 132$
(88) 110
\$ (209 ) \$ 1,544

Provision for Loan Losses. The provision for loan losses was $\$ 300$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to $\$ 580$ thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. In the 2015 period, the provision primarily reflects growth in the residential and real estate construction loan portfolios offset by a reduction in certain qualitative loss factors due to management's assessment of improving collateral values on certain real estate and commercial loan portfolios, the sustained improvement in our regional economy and a reduction in impaired and non-performing loans as compared to the prior year. Changes in the mix of loans held in portfolio to less risky residential real estate loans has contributed in a reduction in the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans at September 30, 2015, as compared to the prior year.

Analysis of Loan Loss Experience The following table sets forth an analysis of the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated.

|  | Nine Months Ended <br>  <br> September 30, |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (Dollars in thousands) | 2015 | 2014 |  |
| Allowance at beginning of period | $\$ 4,738$ | $\$ 4,213$ |  |
| Provision for loan losses | 300 | 580 |  |
| Charge-offs | $(72$ | $)$ | $(111)$ |
| Recoveries | - | - |  |
| Net charge-offs |  | $(111)$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Allowance at end of period | $\$ 4,966$ | $\$ 4,682$ |  |
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans at end of period | 130.07 | $\%$ | $90.00 \%$ |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans at end of period | 0.98 | $\%$ | 1.07 |
| Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding during the period | 0.01 | $\%$ | 0.03 |

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income totaled $\$ 796$ thousand, an increase of $\$ 66$ thousand, or $9.0 \%$ as compared to the 2014 period as mortgage banking income increased $\$ 62$ thousand due to increased mortgage sales volumes. Gains on sales of securities increased $\$ 12$ thousand in 2015, as compared to the 2014 period.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expense increased $\$ 1.3$ million to $\$ 11.1$ million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, from $\$ 9.8$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Factors that contributed to the increase in noninterest expense during the 2015 period were increased salaries and employee benefits of $\$ 753$ thousand, or $12.8 \%$, primarily attributable to normal salary increases, additional personnel supporting our wealth management activities, increases in health insurance and other employee benefits. Occupancy and equipment expense increased $\$ 330$ thousand resulting from normal rent increases and additional rent and other expense associated with the relocation of our wealth management subsidiary in late 2014. FDIC deposit insurance expense increased $\$ 71$ thousand compared to the prior year period due to asset growth.

Income Taxes. An income tax provision of $\$ 1.1$ million was recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to a provision of $\$ 876$ thousand in the comparable 2014 period. The effective tax rate for the nine-months ended September 30, 2015 was $38.4 \%$, compared with $39.5 \%$ for the comparative 2014 nine-month period.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity Management. Liquidity is the ability to meet current and future financial obligations of a short-term and long-term nature. Our primary sources of funds consist of deposit inflows, loan repayments and loan sales, maturities and sales of securities, and borrowings from the FHLB. While maturities and scheduled amortization of loans and securities are predictable sources of funds, deposit flows, calls of securities and prepayments on loans are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition.

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Management regularly adjusts our investments in liquid assets based upon an assessment of (1) expected loan demand, (2) expected deposit flows, (3) yields available on interest-earning deposits and securities, and (4) the objectives of our interest-rate risk and investment policies.

Our most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents, interest-bearing deposits in other banks, and securities available for sale. The level of these assets depends on our operating, financing, lending and investing activities during any given period. At September 30, 2015, cash and cash equivalents, which include short-term investments, totaled $\$ 15.9$ million. Securities classified as available-for-sale, whose aggregate market value of $\$ 50.2$ million exceeds cost may provide additional liquidity.

At September 30, 2015, we had $\$ 66.9$ million in long-term borrowings outstanding, represented entirely by FHLB advances. Long-term FHLB advances are generally used to fund loan growth. We also had $\$ 16.0$ million of short-term borrowings represented by advances from the FHLB with original maturities less than one year. These borrowings are primarily used to fund temporary liquidity needs due to the timing of loan closings and deposit gathering activities. In addition, at September 30, 2015, we had a total of $\$ 45.1$ million in unused borrowing capacity from the FHLB. At September 30, 2015, we also had the ability to borrow $\$ 5.0$ million from the Co-operative Central Bank on an unsecured basis, $\$ 5.0$ million under an unsecured line of credit with a correspondent bank, and $\$ 8.6$ million from the Federal Reserve Bank under a collateralized borrowing program, none of which was outstanding at that date.

At September 30, 2015, we had $\$ 83.7$ million in loan commitments outstanding, which included $\$ 28.1$ million in unadvanced funds on construction loans, $\$ 25.1$ million in unadvanced home equity lines of credit, $\$ 12.4$ million in unadvanced commercial lines of credit, and $\$ 17.4$ million in unfunded new loan originations.

Certificates of deposit due within one year of September 30, 2015 amounted to $\$ 91.7$ million, or $53.1 \%$ of total certificates and $20.3 \%$ of total deposits. This total reflects a decrease of $\$ 14.7$ million from December 31, 2014. Balances of certificates maturing in more than one year increased $\$ 44.2$ million from $\$ 36.8$ million. Balances of certificates that mature within one year reflect customer preferences for greater liquidity of personal funds, while longer-dated certificates reflect a decreased willingness among customers to accept current interest rates for extended time periods. If maturing deposits are not renewed, we will be required to seek other sources of funds, including new certificates and other borrowings. Depending on market conditions, we may be required to pay higher rates on such deposits or other borrowings than we currently pay on the existing funds. Management believes, however, based on past experience that a significant portion of our certificates will be renewed. We have the ability to attract and retain deposits by adjusting the interest rates offered.

The Company is a separate legal entity from the Bank and will have to provide for its own liquidity to pay its operating expenses and other financial obligations. The Company's primary sources of income will be dividends received from the Bank and earnings from investment of net proceeds from the offering retained by the Company.

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Massachusetts banking law and FDIC regulations limit distributions of capital. In addition, the Company is subject to policy of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve Board") that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the Company appears consistent with its capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. At September 30, 2015, the Company had $\$ 1.2$ million of liquid assets as represented by cash and cash equivalents on an unconsolidated basis.

Capital Management. The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Massachusetts Commissioner of Banks, including a risk-based capital measure. The Company is also subject to similar capital requirements set by the Federal Reserve Board. The risk-based capital guidelines include both a definition of capital and a framework for calculating risk-weighted assets by assigning balance sheet assets and off-balance sheet items to broad risk categories. In July 2013, the Federal Reserve Board released its final rules, which will implement the Basel III regulatory capital reforms from the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and certain changes required by the Dodd-Frank Act. These rules became effective January 1, 2015 for community banks and increased both the quality and quantity of capital held by banks. At September 30, 2015, the Bank was well-capitalized under the January 1, 2015 rules. The final rule implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments and improves the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity. Consistent with the international Basel framework, the final rule included a new minimum capital requirement of common equity Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets of $4.5 \%$ and a common equity Tier I capital conservation buffer of $2.5 \%$ of risk-weighted assets. The capital conservation buffer will be phased in beginning January 1, 2016 at $0.625 \%$ of risk-weighted assets, increasing each year until fully implemented to $2.5 \%$ on January 1, 2019. In addition, the final rule raises the minimum ratio of Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets requirement from $4 \%$ to $6 \%$ and includes a minimum leverage ratio of $4 \%$ for all banking organizations. Management believes the Bank's capital levels will be characterized as "well-capitalized" upon full implementation of the new rules.

We strive to manage our capital for maximum shareholder benefit. The capital from our stock offering significantly increased our liquidity and capital resources. Over time, the initial level of liquidity has been reduced as net proceeds from the stock offering were used for general corporate purposes, including the funding of lending activities. Our financial condition and results of operations were enhanced by the capital from the offering, resulting over time in increased net interest-earning assets and net income. To help us better manage our capital and enhance shareholder value, we may use such tools as common stock repurchases and cash dividends as regulations permit.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of operations, we engage in a variety of financial transactions that, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles are not recorded in our financial statements. These transactions involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate and liquidity risk. Such transactions are used primarily to manage customers' requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments and lines of credit. For information about our loan commitments and unused lines of credit see Liquidity Management herein.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company did not engage in any off-balance sheet transactions reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

## Qualitative Aspects of Market Risk

One significant risk affecting the financial condition and operating results of the Company and the Bank is interest rate risk. We manage the interest rate sensitivity of our interest-bearing liabilities and interest-earning assets in an effort to minimize the adverse effects of changes in the interest rate environment. Deposit accounts typically react more quickly to changes in market interest rates than mortgage loans because of the shorter maturities of deposits. As a result, sharp increases in interest rates may adversely affect our earnings while decreases in interest rates may beneficially affect our earnings. To reduce the potential volatility of our earnings, we have sought to improve the match between asset and liability maturities and rates, while maintaining an acceptable interest rate spread. Our strategy for managing interest rate risk emphasizes: originating adjustable-rate loans for retention in our loan portfolio; selling in the secondary market substantially all newly originated conforming longer-term fixed-rate residential mortgage loans; promoting core deposit products; adjusting the maturities of deposits and borrowings and adjusting the investment portfolio mix and duration. We currently do not participate in hedging programs, interest rate swaps or other activities involving the use of derivative financial instruments, but may consider such programs in the future as they may help to improve our risk management activities, expand product offerings or improve the
profitability of the organization.

We have an Asset/Liability Committee, which includes members of management, to communicate, coordinate and control all aspects involving asset-liability management. The committee establishes and monitors the volume, maturities, pricing and mix of assets and funding sources with the objective of managing assets and funding sources to provide results that are consistent with liquidity, growth, risk limits and profitability goals.

## Quantitative Aspects of Market Risk

We analyze our interest rate sensitivity position to manage the risk associated with interest rate movements through the use of interest income and equity simulations. The matching of assets and liabilities may be analyzed by examining the extent to which such assets and liabilities are "interest sensitive." An asset or liability is said to be interest rate sensitive within a specific time period if it will mature or reprice within that time period.

Our goal is to manage asset and liability positions to moderate the effects of interest rate fluctuations on net interest income and the present value of our equity. Interest income and equity simulations are completed quarterly and presented to the Asset/Liability Committee and the Board of Directors. The simulations provide an estimate of the impact of changes in interest rates on net interest income and the present value of our equity under a range of assumptions. The simulation incorporates assumptions regarding the potential timing in the repricing of certain assets and liabilities when market rates change and the changes in spreads between different market rates. The simulation analysis incorporates management's current assessment of the risk that pricing margins will change adversely over time due to competition or other factors.

Simulation analysis is only an estimate of our interest rate risk exposure at a particular point in time. We continually review the potential effect changes in interest rates could have on the repayment of rate sensitive assets and funding requirements of rate sensitive liabilities.

The table below sets forth an approximation of our exposure as a percentage of estimated net interest income for the next 12 month period using interest income and equity simulations. The simulations use projected repricing of assets and liabilities at September 30, 2015 on the basis of contractual maturities, anticipated repayments and scheduled rate adjustments. Prepayment rates can have a significant impact on the simulations. Because of the large percentage of loans we hold, rising or falling interest rates have a significant impact on the prepayment speeds of our earning assets that in turn affect the rate sensitivity position. When interest rates rise, prepayments tend to slow. When interest rates fall, prepayments tend to rise. Our asset sensitivity would be reduced if prepayments slow and would increase if prepayments accelerated. While we believe such assumptions to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that assumed prepayment rates will approximate actual future mortgage-backed security and loan repayment activity.

The following table reflects the estimated effects of changes in interest rates on the present value of our equity at September 30, 2015 and on our projected net interest income from September 30, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

|  | As of September 30, 2015 |  |  | Over the Next 12 Months <br> Ending September 30, 2016 <br> Projected Net Interest Income |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basis Point ("bp") Change in Rates | \$ <br> Amount | \$ Change | \% Change (Dollars in | \$ Amount housands) | \$ Change | \% Chang |  |
| 300 bp | \$55,939 | \$(14,032 ) | (20.05 )\% | \$ 16,373 | \$ (1,962 ) | (10.70 | \% |
| 200 | 60,362 | (9,609 ) | (13.73) | 17,021 | (1,314 | (7.17 | ) |
| 100 | 64,688 | (5,283 ) | ) (7.55 ) | 17,652 | (683) | (3.73 | ) |
| 0 | 69,971 | - | - | 18,335 | - | - |  |
| (100) | 76,806 | 6,835 | 9.77 | 18,437 | 102 | 0.56 |  |

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures," as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act"). Based upon their evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective for the purpose of ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act
with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") (1) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (2) is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In addition, based on that evaluation, no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company is not involved in any pending legal proceedings other than routine legal proceedings occurring in the ordinary course of business. The Company's management believes that such routine legal proceedings, in the aggregate, are immaterial to the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

For information regarding the Company's risk factors, see Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2015. As of September 30, 2015, the risk factors of the Company have not changed materially from those disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On October 1, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved the repurchase of up to 96,286 shares of the Company's common stock. The repurchase plan will continue until it is completed or terminated by the Company's Board of Directors. As of September 30, 2015, the Company had repurchased and retired 40,535 shares. No shares of common stock were repurchased by the Company in the three months ended September 30, 2015.

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

## Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

## Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

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## Item 6. Exhibits

3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Wellesley Bancorp, Inc. (1)
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Bylaws of Wellesley Bancorp, Inc. (2)
31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer 31.2

Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer
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Section 1350 Certification

The following materials from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, 101.1 (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits to Wellesley Bancorp, Inc.'s Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the (1)Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-176764), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2011.
(2) Incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits to Wellesley Bancorp, Inc.'s Registration Statemen
(File No. 333-176764), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 9, 2011.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WELLESLEY BANCORP, INC.

Dated: November 10, 2015 By:/s/ Thomas J. Fontaine
Thomas J. Fontaine
President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)

Dated: November 10, 2015 By:/s/ Gary P. Culyer
Gary P. Culyer
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(principal accounting and financial officer)

