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Merrimack County Savings Bank Main Office Renovations Completed

Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) recently completed renovations of the first floor of the Bank's Main Office. The inviting new location combines modern clean lines and color with ease-of-use for customers. Community members will be happy to see the antique vault as a lobby focal point as well as the inclusion of the Bank's historical brick arches throughout the lobby to celebrate our long history.

"We are extremely pleased with the results, and invite our customers and friends in the community to stop by and see the new Main Office", said Phil Emma, President of the Merrimack and MillRiver Wealth Management. "As we took down temporary construction walls with each phase of the project, we were unwrapping beautiful new features each time - such as the newly designed and relocated teller line, waiting area and reception desk. The end result is a state of the art facility that will serve Merrimack customers for many years. In addition, we hope that when they are here, people will also visit MillRiver Wealth Management office next door. That space was renovated and opened in the spring of 2015, and provides an elegant and private space for customers to meet with the investment services staff."

The Bank - in conjunction with CCI, Warrenstreet Architects, and the Element Group- worked to develop a plan that modernizes and improves customer usability of a space that had not undergone major renovations since the late 1980s. The process to plan, organize and complete the project required creative solutions because of the busy downtown location and the necessity to stay open to meet the needs of local customers. The team was able to work together to address these challenges while producing a new and improved space for customers and staff.

As a local community bank, the Merrimack strived to work with local partners, including nearly 25 sub-contractors from central New Hampshire such as LDG Mechanical, R&T Electric, JDS Flooring Associates, Capitol Paint & Wallpaper and Martins Custom Woodwork.

Alison Whynot, Vice President of Facilities for New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB), took the lead on the project for the Bank. Whynot monitored progress and scheduling milestones. Whynot also manages facilities for the Merrimack, along with the other NHMB subsidiaries: Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSBS) and MillRiver Wealth Management.

"This is a wonderful milestone for Merrimack County Savings Bank," said Emma. "In our new space, we will continue to offer the outstanding service expected by our customers and meet the needs of our growing Concord area customer base. With the Main Street project being so impressive, we needed to do our part for the long term."

About Conneston Construction

Conneston Construction Inc. was established in 1992, and founded on the principle that “clients come first”. CCI works closely with clients, encouraging customer participation in all phases of each construction project. Service and quality are a top priority in the construction sequence, from onset of negotiations to completion of punch-lists. CCI is based in Laconia. For more information, visit ccinh.com.

About Warrenstreet Architects

Founded in 1990, Warrenstreet Architects has been providing planning, architecture, landscape architecture and interior design services for more than 26 years. The company prides itself on a collaborative team approach; working hand-in-hand with clients and building users to arrive at appropriate consensus-based solutions. Its employee-owned cooperative business structure combined with a youthful, imaginative and personable approach to the design process has made Warrenstreet one of New England’s most progressive design firms. For more information, visit warrenstreet.coop.

About the Element Group

The Element Group is a national organization headquartered in Portsmouth, NH with additional offices in Seattle, Phoenix and Atlanta. From small-scale renovations to interior fit-outs and prototype design builds, the Element Group knows that good design starts with a solid foundation. Its team of experienced designers work diligently with clients to identify individual needs for design and implementation of innovative, multi-dimensional, engaging retail environments. For more information, visit www.everybitmatters.com

About New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a mutual holding company, was formed in 2013 when two New Hampshire-based community banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb) and Merrimack County Savings Bank, formally affiliated – the first relationship of its kind in New Hampshire. This strategic partnership has positioned the Banks to leverage each other’s strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing their community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third subsidiary of NHMB in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSb and the Merrimack.

About Merrimack County Savings Bank

Merrimack County Savings Bank, (the Merrimack), has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of the greater Concord area since 1867. The Bank is known for its commitment to mutuality. Unlike publicly-listed banks, mutual banks do not sell publically available shares. This means there is no pressure to maximize profits for shareholders, and it allows for longer term planning and the ability to remain focused on community, customers and employees. The Merrimack and its employees are guided and inspired by Merrimack style: living up to the values of accountability, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Concord, Nashua, Bow, Contoocook or Hooksett, call 800.541.006 or visit themerrimack.com.



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