## COMMUNITY BANCORP /VT

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UNITED STATESSECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549
FORM 10-Q
b QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2016
OR
o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF ..... 1934
For the transition period from ..... to
Commission File Number 000-16435
Vermont 03-0284070
(State of (IRS Employer
Incorporation) Identification
Number)
4811 US Route 5, Derby, ..... 05829
Vermont(Address of Principal (zip code)
Executive Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number: (802) 334-7915
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 for such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes p No o

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 p NO o

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 the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting
company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o
Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer o
Smaller reporting company p

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

At May 6, 2016, there were 5,010,839 shares outstanding of the Corporation's common stock.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)
The following are the unaudited consolidated financial statements for Community Bancorp. and Subsidiary, "the Company".

Community Bancorp. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Balance Sheets
$\left.\begin{array}{lclc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { March 31, } \\ 2016\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { December 31, } \\ 2015\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { March 31, } \\ \text { 2015 }\end{array} \\ \text { (Unaudited) }\end{array}\right)$

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| Total liabilities | 541,205,972 | 544,720,053 | 535,921,051 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shareholders' Equity |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock, 1,000,000 shares authorized, 25 shares issued and outstanding (\$100,000 liquidation value) | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Common stock - $\$ 2.50$ par value; $15,000,000$ shares authorized, $5,220,419$ shares issued at $03 / 31 / 16,5,204,517$ shares issued at |  |  |  |
| 12/31/15 and 5,159,512 shares issued at 03/31/15 | 13,051,048 | 13,011,293 | 12,898,780 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 30,268,924 | 30,089,438 | 29,554,651 |
| Retained earnings | 8,830,533 | 8,482,096 | 7,210,220 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 175,628 | (45,394 | 126,539 |
| Less: treasury stock, at cost; 210,101 shares at $03 / 31 / 16$, |  |  |  |
| $12 / 31 / 15$, and 03/31/15 | (2,622,777 | (2,622,777 | (2,622,777 ) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 52,203,356 | 51,414,656 | 49,667,413 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$593,409,328 | \$596,134,709 | \$585,588,464 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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Community Bancorp. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited)

|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Three Months Ended } \\ \text { March } \\ \\ \\ \text { Interest income }\end{array}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Interest and fees on loans | 2016 |  |$] 2015$

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Community Bancorp. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended <br> March 31, <br> 2015 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Net income | 2016 | 2 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | $\$ 1,169,494$ | $\$ 1,109,841$ |
| Unrealized holding gain on available-for-sale securities arising during the period | 334,883 | 203,004 |
| Tax effect | $(113,861)$ | $(69,022$ |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax | 221,022 | 133,982 |
| $\quad$ Total comprehensive income | $\$ 1,390,516$ | $\$ 1,243,823$ |

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Community Bancorp. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 1,169,494 | \$ 1,109,841 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) |  |  |
| operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization, bank premises and equipment | 251,627 | 242,300 |
| Provision for loan losses | 100,000 | 150,000 |
| Deferred income tax | (29,227 ) | (68,564 ) |
| Gain on sale of loans | (101,510 ) | (73,031 ) |
| Gain on sale of OREO | 0 | (51 ) |
| Income from Trust LLC | $(82,579)$ | (93,846) |
| Amortization of bond premium, net | 33,267 | 41,349 |
| Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale | 4,753,088 | 4,455,158 |
| Originations of loans held for sale | (3,977,378) | $(5,681,534)$ |
| Increase in taxes payable | 273,795 | 272,734 |
| Increase in interest receivable | (431,151 ) | (360,314 ) |
| Decrease in mortgage servicing rights | 14,097 | 5,497 |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets | 177,535 | (292,098 ) |
| Increase in cash surrender value of BOLI | (26,103 ) | (26,509 ) |
| Amortization of core deposit intangible | 68,175 | 68,175 |
| Amortization of limited partnerships | 146,490 | 141,333 |
| Decrease (increase) in unamortized loan costs | 1,441 | (555 ) |
| Increase (decrease) in interest payable | 8,675 | (861 ) |
| Decrease in accrued expenses | (359,833 ) | (560,280 ) |
| Increase in other liabilities | 17,125 | 472 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 2,007,028 | (670,784 ) |
|  |  |  |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |
| Investments - held-to-maturity |  |  |
| Maturities and pay downs | 1,630,861 | 2,159,253 |
| Purchases | $(3,828,156)$ | $(3,180,291)$ |
| Investments - available-for-sale |  |  |
| Maturities, calls, pay downs and sales | 1,406,742 | 1,301,984 |
| Purchases | $(4,206,847)$ | 0 |
| Proceeds from redemption of restricted equity securities | 550,400 | 0 |
| Decrease (increase) in loans, net | 2,648,313 | $(4,915,561)$ |
| Capital expenditures of bank premises and equipment | (43,238 ) | (612,753 ) |
| Proceeds from sales of OREO | 192,108 | 70,551 |
| Recoveries of loans charged off | 25,433 | 23,597 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(1,624,384)$ | $(5,153,220)$ |

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| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net decrease in demand and interest-bearing transaction accounts | $(16,033,104)$ | $(17,752,545)$ |
| Net increase in money market and savings accounts | 8,317,948 | 4,433,418 |
| Net increase (decrease) in time deposits | 1,129,730 | (2,581,067 ) |
| Net increase (decrease) in repurchase agreements | 3,075,801 | (313,325 |
| Net increase in short-term borrowings | 0 | 15,000,000 |
| Proceeds from long-term borrowings | 350,000 | 0 |
| Decrease in capital lease obligations | (21,337 | (19,686 |
| Dividends paid on preferred stock | (21,875 | (20,313 |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (579,027 | (552,216 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (3,781,864 ) | (1,805,734 ) |
|  |  |  |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (3,399,220 ) | (7,629,738 ) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: |  |  |
| Beginning | 28,851,890 | 24,962,174 |
| Ending | \$25,452,670 | \$17,332,436 |
|  |  |  |
| Supplemental Schedule of Cash Paid During the Period: |  |  |
| Interest | \$654,587 | \$728,375 |
|  |  |  |
| Income taxes, net of refunds | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
|  |  |  |
| Supplemental Schedule of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities: |  |  |
| Change in unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale | \$334,883 | \$203,004 |
|  |  |  |
| Loans transferred to OREO | \$395,108 | \$70,500 |

Common Shares Dividends Paid:

| Dividends declared | $\$ 799,182$ | $\$ 789,242$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| (Increase) decrease in dividends payable attributable to dividends declared | $(914$ | $)$ |
| Dividends reinvested | $(219,241$ | $(237,943)$ |
|  | $\$ 579,027$ | $\$ 552,216$ |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
Note 1. Basis of Presentation and Consolidation
The interim consolidated financial statements of Community Bancorp. and Subsidiary are unaudited. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company contained herein have been made. The unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2015 contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the full annual period ending December 31, 2016, or for any other interim period.

Certain amounts in the 2015 unaudited consolidated income statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2016 presentation. Reclassifications had no effect on prior period net income or shareholders' equity.

Note 2. Recent Accounting Developments
In January 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-01, Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This guidance changes how entities account for equity investments that do not result in consolidation and are not accounted for under the equity method of accounting. This guidance also changes certain disclosure requirements and other aspects of current accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP). Public businesses must use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within the fiscal year. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of the ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The ASU was issued to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application of the amendments in the ASU is permitted for all entities. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of the ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

## Note 3. Earnings per Common Share

Earnings per common share amounts are computed based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock issued during the period (retroactively adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends, if any), including Dividend Reinvestment Plan shares issuable upon reinvestment of dividends declared, and reduced for shares held in treasury.

The following tables illustrate the calculation of earnings per common share for the periods presented, as adjusted for the cash dividends declared on the preferred stock:

|  | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, |  |  |
| 2015 |  |  |


| Less: dividends to preferred shareholders | 21,875 | 20,313 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Net income available to common shareholders | $\$ 1,147,619$ | $\$ 1,089,528$ |
| Weighted average number of common shares | $5,000,144$ | $4,938,500$ |
| $\quad$ used in calculating earnings per share | $\$ 0.23$ | $\$ 0.22$ |

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Note 4. Investment Securities
Securities available-for-sale (AFS) and held-to-maturity (HTM) as of the balance sheet dates consisted of the following:

| Securities AFS | Amortized Cost | Gross <br> Unrealized Gains | Gross <br> Unrealized Losses | Fair <br> Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, 2016 |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. Government sponsored enterprise (GSE) debt securities | \$ 12,817,362 | \$115,533 | \$0 | \$ 12,932,895 |
| Agency mortgage-backed securities (Agency MBS) | 13,515,656 | 105,722 | 15,674 | 13,605,704 |
| Other investments | 2,973,000 | 60,522 | 0 | 3,033,522 |
|  | \$29,306,018 | \$281,777 | \$15,674 | \$29,572,121 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. GSE debt securities | \$12,832,059 | \$22,523 | \$22,139 | \$12,832,443 |
| Agency MBS | 10,734,121 | 0 | 69,637 | 10,664,484 |
| Other investments | 2,973,000 | 5,046 | 4,573 | 2,973,473 |
|  | \$26,539,180 | \$27,569 | \$96,349 | \$26,470,400 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. GSE debt securities | \$ 18,904,234 | \$ 102,297 | \$2,553 | \$ 19,003,978 |
| U.S. Government securities | 3,994,362 | 14,115 | 0 | 4,008,477 |
| Agency MBS | 8,716,244 | 77,867 | 0 | 8,794,111 |
|  | \$31,614,840 | \$ 194,279 | \$2,553 | \$31,806,566 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Gross | Gross |  |
|  | Amortized | Unrealized | Unrealized | Fair |
| Securities HTM | Cost | Gains | Losses | Value* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2016 |  |  |  |  |
| States and political subdivisions | \$45,551,714 | \$683,286 | \$0 | \$46,235,000 |
| December 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |
| States and political subdivisions | \$43,354,419 | \$788,581 | \$0 | \$44,143,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |
| States and political subdivisions | \$42,831,982 | \$350,018 | \$0 | \$43,182,000 |

*Method used to determine fair value of HTM securities rounds values to nearest thousand.
U.S. GSE debt securities, Agency MBS securities and certificates of deposit (CDs) held for investment with a book value of $\$ 27,172,084$ and a fair value of $\$ 27,450,798$ collateralized repurchase agreements at March 31, 2016. These repurchase agreements mature daily.

The scheduled maturities of debt securities AFS were as follows:

|  | Amortized <br> Cost | Fair <br> Value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, 2016 | $\$ 3,063,730$ | $\$ 3,071,337$ |
| Due in one year or less | $12,481,632$ | $12,650,080$ |
| Due from one to five years | 245,000 | 245,000 |
| Due from five to ten years | $13,515,656$ | $13,605,704$ |
| Agency MBS | $\$ 29,306,018$ | $\$ 29,572,121$ |
|  |  |  |
| December 31, 2015 | $\$ 3,077,544$ | $\$ 3,086,317$ |
| Due in one year or less | $12,482,515$ | $12,474,599$ |
| Due from one to five years | 245,000 | 245,000 |
| Due from five to ten years | $10,734,121$ | $10,664,484$ |
| Agency MBS | $\$ 26,539,180$ | $\$ 26,470,400$ |
|  |  |  |
| March 31, 2015 | $\$ 4,016,828$ | $\$ 4,021,755$ |
| Due in one year or less | $18,881,768$ | $18,990,700$ |
| Due from one to five years | $8,716,244$ | $8,794,111$ |
| Agency MBS | $\$ 31,614,840$ | $\$ 31,806,566$ |

Because the actual maturities of Agency MBS usually differ from their contractual maturities due to the right of borrowers to prepay the underlying mortgage loans, usually without penalty, those securities are not presented in the table by contractual maturity date.

The scheduled maturities of debt securities HTM were as follows:

|  | Amortized <br> Cost | Fair <br> Value* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, 2016 | $\$ 30,042,445$ | $\$ 30,042,000$ |
| Due in one year or less | $3,864,268$ | $4,035,000$ |
| Due from one to five years | $3,235,317$ | $3,407,000$ |
| Due from five to ten years | $8,409,684$ | $8,751,000$ |
| Due after ten years | $\$ 45,551,714$ | $\$ 46,235,000$ |
|  |  |  |
| December 31, 2015 | $\$ 27,731,133$ | $\$ 27,731,000$ |
| Due in one year or less | $4,015,553$ | $4,213,000$ |
| Due from one to five years | $3,149,531$ | $3,347,000$ |
| Due from five to ten years | $8,458,202$ | $8,852,000$ |
| Due after ten years | $\$ 43,354,419$ | $\$ 44,143,000$ |
|  |  |  |
| March 31, 2015 | $\$ 29,485,512$ | $\$ 29,486,000$ |
| Due in one year or less | $4,419,264$ | $4,506,000$ |
| Due from one to five years |  |  |

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| Due from five to ten years | $2,246,370$ | $2,334,000$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Due after ten years | $6,680,836$ | $6,856,000$ |
|  | $\$ 42,831,982$ | $\$ 43,182,000$ |

*Method used to determine fair value of HTM securities rounds values to nearest thousand.

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There were no debt securities HTM in an unrealized loss position as of the balance sheet dates. Debt securities AFS with unrealized losses as of the balance sheet dates are presented in the table below.

|  | Less than 12 months |  | 12 months or more |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fair <br> Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair <br> Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| March 31, 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agency MBS | \$3,064,237 | \$15,674 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,064,237 | \$15,674 |
| December 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. GSE debt securities | \$6,243,373 | \$22,139 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,243,373 | \$22,139 |
| Agency MBS | 10,664,484 | 69,637 | 0 | 0 | 10,664,484 | 69,637 |
| Other investments | 1,483,427 | 4,573 | 0 | 0 | 1,483,427 | 4,573 |
|  | \$18,391,284 | \$96,349 | \$0 | \$0 | \$18,391,284 | \$96,349 |
| March 31, 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. GSE debt securities | \$0 | \$0 | \$997,447 | \$2,553 | \$997,447 | \$2,553 |

Debt securities in the table above consisted of five Agency MBS securities at March 31, 2016, six U.S. GSE debt securities, twelve Agency MBS and six certificates of deposit (CDs) held for investment at December 31, 2015, and one U.S. GSE debt security at March 31, 2015. The unrealized losses for all periods presented were principally attributable to changes in prevailing interest rates for similar types of securities and not deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer.

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions, or adverse developments relating to the issuer, warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than the carrying value, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. In analyzing an issuer's financial condition, management considers whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies or other adverse developments in the status of the securities have occurred, and the results of reviews of the issuer's financial condition. As of March 31, 2016, there were no declines in the fair value of any of the securities reflected in the table above that were deemed by management to be other than temporary.

## Note 5. Loans, Allowance for Loan Losses and Credit Quality

The composition of net loans as of the balance sheet dates was as follows:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2016 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2015 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2015 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial \& industrial | \$63,540,340 | \$65,191,124 | \$67,447,337 |
| Commercial real estate | 178,205,320 | 178,206,542 | 171,453,104 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 162,594,375 | 162,760,273 | 161,594,311 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 43,917,725 | 44,720,266 | 44,678,956 |
| Consumer | 6,790,425 | 7,241,224 | 7,399,886 |
|  | 455,048,185 | 458,119,429 | 452,573,594 |


| Deduct (add): | $5,109,488$ | $5,011,878$ | $5,003,049$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Allowance for loan losses | $(315,050$ | $)$ | $(316,491$ | $(303,949$ |
| Deferred net loan costs | $4,794,438$ | $4,695,387$ | $4,699,100$ |  |
|  | $\$ 450,253,747$ | $\$ 453,424,042$ | $\$ 447,874,494$ |  |

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The following is an age analysis of past due loans (including non-accrual), by portfolio segment:

| March 31, 2016 | 30-89 Days | 90 Days or More | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans | Non-Accrual Loans | 90 Days or <br> More and Accruing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial \& industrial | \$37,333 | \$204,354 | \$241,687 | \$63,298,653 | \$63,540,340 | \$ 256,456 | \$0 |
| Commercial real estate | 3,825,884 | 428,545 | 4,254,429 | 173,950,891 | 178,205,320 | 966,071 | 19,810 |
| Residential real estate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 1st lien | 3,950,062 | 991,614 | 4,941,676 | 157,652,699 | 162,594,375 | 1,467,171 | 764,031 |
| - Jr lien | 228,117 | 122,183 | 350,300 | 43,567,425 | 43,917,725 | 377,911 | 122,183 |
| Consumer | 152,546 | 0 | 152,546 | 6,637,879 | 6,790,425 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | \$8,193,942 | \$ 1,746,696 | \$9,940,638 | \$445,107,547 | \$455,048,185 | \$ 3,067,609 | \$906,024 |


| December 31, |  |  | Total |  |  | Non-Accrual | 90 Days or |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 90 Days |  |  |  |  | More |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | and |
| 2015 | 30-89 Days | or More | Past Due | Current | Total Loans | Loans | Accruing |


| Commercial \& industrial | \$224,997 | \$ 168,244 | \$393,241 | \$64,797,883 | \$65,191,124 | \$ 441,103 | \$ 13,556 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial real estate | 888,994 | 560,439 | 1,449,433 | 176,757,109 | 178,206,542 | 2,400,757 | 45,356 |
| Residential real estate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 1st lien | 2,875,768 | 1,408,551 | 4,284,319 | 158,475,954 | 162,760,273 | 2,009,079 | 801,241 |
| - Jr lien | 521,373 | 63,031 | 584,404 | 44,135,862 | 44,720,266 | 386,132 | 63,031 |
| Consumer | 83,343 | 0 | 83,343 | 7,157,881 | 7,241,224 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | \$4,594,475 | \$2,200,265 | \$6,794,740 | \$451,324,689 | \$458,119,429 | \$ 5,237,071 | \$923,184 |

$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccccc} & & & & & & \begin{array}{c}90 \text { Days or } \\ \text { More }\end{array} \\ \text { and }\end{array}\right)$

For all loan segments, loans over 30 days past due are considered delinquent.
As of March 31, 2016, there were five residential mortgage loans in process of foreclosure totaling $\$ 230,171$, compared to five residential mortgage loans totaling $\$ 400,905$ as of December 31, 2015, and four residential mortgages loans totaling $\$ 416,901$ as of March 31, 2015.

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

Unsecured loans, primarily consumer loans, are charged off when they become uncollectible and no later than 120 days past due. Unsecured loans to customers who subsequently file bankruptcy are charged off within 30 days of receipt of the notification of filing or by the end of the month in which the loans become 120 days past due, whichever occurs first. For secured loans, both residential and commercial, the potential loss on impaired loans is carried as a loan loss reserve specific allocation; the loss portion is charged off when collection of the full loan appears unlikely. The unsecured portion of a real estate loan is that portion of the loan exceeding the "fair value" of the collateral less the estimated cost to sell. Value of the collateral is determined in accordance with the Company's appraisal policy. The unsecured portion of an impaired real estate secured loan is charged off by the end of the month in which the loan becomes 180 days past due.

As described below, the allowance consists of general, specific and unallocated components. However, the entire allowance is available to absorb losses in the loan portfolio, regardless of specific, general and unallocated components considered in determining the amount of the allowance.

## General component

The general component of the allowance for loan losses is based on historical loss experience, adjusted for qualitative factors and stratified by the following loan segments: commercial and industrial, commercial real estate, residential real estate first (" 1 st") lien, residential real estate junior ("Jr") lien and consumer loans. The Company does not disaggregate its portfolio segments further into classes. Loss ratios are calculated by loan segment for one year, two year, three year, four year and five year look back periods. The highest loss ratio among these look-back periods is then applied against the respective segment. Management uses an average of historical losses based on a time frame appropriate to capture relevant loss data for each loan segment. This historical loss factor is adjusted for the following qualitative factors: levels of and trends in delinquencies and non-performing loans, levels of and trends in loan risk groups, trends in volumes and terms of loans, effects of any changes in loan related policies, experience, ability and the depth of management, documentation and credit data exception levels, national and local economic trends, external factors such as competition and regulation and lastly, concentrations of credit risk in a variety of areas, including portfolio product mix, the level of loans to individual borrowers and their related interests, loans to industry segments, and the geographic distribution of commercial real estate loans. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to revision as more information becomes available.

The qualitative factors are determined based on the various risk characteristics of each loan segment. The Company has policies, procedures and internal controls that management believes are commensurate with the risk profile of each of these segments. Major risk characteristics relevant to each portfolio segment are as follows:

Commercial \& Industrial - Loans in this segment include commercial and industrial loans and to a lesser extent loans to finance agricultural production. Commercial loans are made to businesses and are generally secured by assets of the business, including trade assets and equipment. While not the primary collateral, in many cases these loans may also be secured by the real estate of the business. Repayment is expected from the cash flows of the business. A weakened economy, soft consumer spending, unfavorable foreign trade conditions and the rising cost of labor or raw materials are examples of issues that can impact the credit quality in this segment.

Commercial Real Estate - Loans in this segment are principally made to businesses and are generally secured by either owner-occupied, or non-owner occupied commercial real estate. A relatively small portion of this segment includes farm loans secured by farm land and buildings. As with commercial and industrial loans, repayment of owner-occupied commercial real estate loans is expected from the cash flows of the business and the segment would be impacted by the same risk factors as commercial and industrial loans. The non-owner occupied commercial real estate portion includes both residential and commercial construction loans, vacant land and real estate development loans, multi-family dwelling loans and commercial rental property loans. Repayment of construction loans is expected from permanent financing takeout; the Company generally requires a commitment or eligibility for the take-out financing prior to construction loan origination. Real estate development loans are generally repaid from the sale of the subject real property as the project progresses. Construction and development lending entail additional risks, including the project exceeding budget, not being constructed according to plans, not receiving permits, or the pre-leasing or occupancy rate not meeting expectations. Repayment of multi-family loans and commercial rental property loans is expected from the cash flow generated by rental payments received from the individuals or businesses occupying the real estate. Commercial real estate loans are impacted by factors such as competitive market forces, vacancy rates, cap rates, net operating incomes, lease renewals and overall economic demand. In addition, loans in the recreational and tourism sector can be affected by weather conditions, such as unseasonably low winter snowfalls. Commercial real estate lending also carries a higher degree of environmental risk than other real estate
lending.
Residential Real Estate - 1st Lien - All loans in this segment are collateralized by first mortgages on $1-4$ family owner-occupied 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, has an impact on the credit quality of this segment.

Residential Real Estate - Jr Lien - All loans in this segment are collateralized by junior lien mortgages on 1 - 4 family residential real estate and repayment is primarily dependent on the credit quality of the individual borrower. The overall health of the economy, including unemployment rates and housing prices, has an impact on the credit quality of this segment.

Consumer - Loans in this segment are made to individuals for consumer and household purposes. This segment includes both loans secured by automobiles and other consumer goods, as well as loans that are unsecured. This segment also includes overdrafts, which are extensions of credit made to both individuals and businesses to cover temporary shortages in their deposit accounts and are generally unsecured. The Company maintains policies restricting the size and term of these extensions of credit. The overall health of the economy, including unemployment rates, has an impact on the credit quality of this segment.

## Specific component

The specific component of the allowance for loan losses relates to loans that are impaired. Impaired loans are loan(s) to a borrower that in the aggregate are greater than $\$ 100,000$ and that are in non-accrual status or are troubled debt restructurings ("TDR") regardless of amount. A specific allowance is established for an impaired loan when its estimated impaired basis is less than the carrying value of the loan. For all loan segments, except consumer loans, a loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, in management's estimation 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 probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant or temporary payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management evaluates 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 and frequency 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. 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, the loan's obtainable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

Impaired loans also include troubled loans that are restructured. A TDR occurs when the Company, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession to the borrower that would otherwise not be granted. TDRs may include the transfer of assets to the Company in partial satisfaction of a troubled loan, a modification of a loan's terms, or a combination of the two.

Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Company does not separately identify individual consumer loans for impairment evaluation, unless such loans are subject to a restructuring agreement.

Unallocated component
An unallocated component of the allowance for loan losses is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component reflects management's estimate of the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio. While unallocated reserves have increased year over year, they are considered by management to be appropriate in light of the Company's continued growth strategy and shift in the portfolio from residential loans to commercial and commercial real estate loans and the risk associated with the relatively new, unseasoned loans in those portfolios.

The tables below summarize changes in the allowance for loan losses and select loan information, by portfolio segment, for the periods indicated. The amounts shown below as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for the respective three and twelve month periods then ended reflect certain changes to the Company's reserve methodology adopted during the second quarter of 2015, which were described in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As of or for the three months ended March 31, 2016

|  | Commercial <br> \& Industrial | Commercial <br> Real Estate | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> 1st Lien | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> Jr Lien | Consumer | Unallocated | Total |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Allowance for loan losses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning <br> balance | $\$ 712,902$ | $\$ 2,152,678$ | $\$ 1,368,028$ | $\$ 422,822$ | $\$ 75,689$ | $\$ 279,759$ | $\$ 5,011,878$ |  |
| Charge-offs | $(10,836$ | 0 | $(312$ | 0 | $(16,675$ | $)$ | 0 | $(27,823$ |
| Recoveries | 19,295 | 0 | 312 | 60 | 5,766 | 0 | 25,433 |  |
| Provision <br> (credit) | 9,014 | 142,625 | $(29,101$ | $)$ | 143 | $(6,324$ | $)$ | $(16,357)$ |
| Ending <br> balance | $\$ 730,375$ | $\$ 2,295,303$ | $\$ 1,338,927$ | $\$ 423,025$ | $\$ 58,456$ | $\$ 263,402$ | $\$ 5,109,488$ |  |

Allowance for loan losses
Evaluated for

| impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individually | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 117,700$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 117,700$ |
| Collectively | 730,375 | $2,295,303$ | $1,338,927$ | 305,325 | 58,456 | 263,402 | $4,991,788$ |
| Total | $\$ 730,375$ | $\$ 2,295,303$ | $\$ 1,338,927$ | $\$ 423,025$ | $\$ 58,456$ | $\$ 263,402$ | $\$ 5,109,488$ |


| Loans evaluated for impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individually | \$204,354 | \$907,309 | \$717,673 | \$231,591 | \$0 | \$2,060,927 |
| Collectively | 63,335,986 | 177,298,011 | 161,876,702 | 43,686,134 | 6,790,425 | 452,987,258 |
| Total | \$63,540,340 | \$178,205,320 | \$162,594,375 | \$43,917,725 | \$6,790,425 | \$455,048,185 |

As of or for the year ended December 31, 2015

|  |  | Residential | Residential <br> Commercial Estate |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial | Real Estate | Real |  |
| \& Industrial | Real Estate | 1st Lien | Jr Lien |

Allowance for loan losses
$\left.\begin{array}{lccccccccc}\begin{array}{l}\text { Beginning } \\ \text { balance }\end{array} & \$ 646,719 & \$ 2,311,936 & \$ 1,270,766 & \$ 321,099 & \$ 118,819 & \$ 236,535 & \$ 4,905,874 & \\ \hline \text { Charge-offs } & (200,900 & ) & (14,783 & ) & (150,947 & ) & (66,104 & ) & (69,632\end{array}\right)$

Ending balance

Allowance for loan losses
Evaluated for

| impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individually | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 25,100$ | $\$ 114,600$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 139,700$ |
| Collectively | 712,902 | $2,152,678$ | $1,342,928$ | 308,222 | 75,689 | 279,759 | $4,872,178$ |
| Total | $\$ 712,902$ | $\$ 2,152,678$ | $\$ 1,368,028$ | $\$ 422,822$ | $\$ 75,689$ | $\$ 279,759$ | $\$ 5,011,878$ |

Loans

| evaluated for <br> impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individually | $\$ 286,436$ | $\$ 2,551,748$ | $\$ 1,419,808$ | $\$ 234,004$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 4,491,996$ |
| Collectively | $64,904,688$ | $175,654,794$ | $161,340,465$ | $44,486,262$ | $7,241,224$ | $453,627,433$ |
| Total | $\$ 65,191,124$ | $\$ 178,206,542$ | $\$ 162,760,273$ | $\$ 44,720,266$ | $\$ 7,241,224$ | $\$ 458,119,429$ |

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As of or for the three months ended March 31, 2015


| Allowance for loan losses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Evaluated for impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Individually | \$70,200 | \$0 | \$59,100 | \$ 10,900 | \$0 | \$0 | \$140,200 |
| Collectively | 680,291 | 2,325,111 | 1,262,917 | 310,507 | 86,084 | 197,939 | 4,862,849 |
| Total | \$750,491 | \$2,325,111 | \$1,322,017 | \$321,407 | \$86,084 | \$ 197,939 | \$5,003,049 |


| Loans <br> evaluated for <br> impairment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Individually | $\$ 702,732$ | $\$ 2,107,787$ | $\$ 820,565$ | $\$ 308,036$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 3,939,120$ |
| Collectively | $66,744,605$ | $169,345,317$ | $160,773,746$ | $44,370,920$ | $7,399,886$ | $448,634,474$ |
| Total | $\$ 67,447,337$ | $\$ 171,453,104$ | $\$ 161,594,311$ | $\$ 44,678,956$ | $\$ 7,399,886$ | $\$ 452,573,594$ |

Impaired loans, by portfolio segment, were as follows:

|  | As of March 31, 2016 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Recorded |  |  |  |
| Investment |  |  |  | | Unpaid |
| :---: |
| Principal |
| Balance |$\quad$| Related |
| :---: |
| Allowance | | Average |
| :---: |
| Recorded |
| Investment(1) |

Total
\$2,060,927 \$2,317,038 \$117,700
\$ 3,276,463
(1) For the three months ended March 31, 2016

| With an allowance recorded |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Commercial \& industrial | 0 | $\$ 0$ | 0 | 0 |
| Commercial real estate | 173,788 | 182,251 | 25,100 | 40,902 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 234,004 | 284,227 | 114,600 | 155,207 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 407,792 | 466,478 | 139,700 | 461,741 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| With no related allowance recorded | 286,436 | 366,387 |  | 446,817 |
| Commercial \& industrial | $2,551,748$ | $2,776,729$ |  | $2,151,713$ |
| Commercial real estate | $1,246,020$ | $1,460,402$ |  | 973,572 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 0 | 0 | 113,964 |  |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | $4,084,204$ | $4,603,518$ |  | $3,686,066$ |
|  | $\$ 4,491,996$ | $\$ 5,069,996$ | $\$ 139,700$ | $\$ 4,147,807$ |
| Total |  |  |  |  |


|  | As of March 31, 2015 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unpaid |  |  |  |
| Recorded |  |  |  |
| Investment |  |  |  |
| Balance |  |  |  |$\quad$| Related |
| :---: |
| Allowance | | Average |
| :---: |
| Recorded |
| Investment(1) |

(1) For the three months ended March 31, 2015

Interest income recognized on impaired loans was immaterial for all periods presented.
For all loan segments, the accrual of interest is discontinued when a loan is specifically determined to be impaired or when the loan is delinquent 90 days and management believes, after considering collection efforts and other factors, that the borrower's financial condition is such that collection of interest is considered by management to be

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doubtful. Any unpaid interest previously accrued on those loans is reversed from income. Interest income is generally not recognized on specific impaired loans unless the likelihood of further loss is considered by management to be remote. Interest payments received on impaired loans are generally applied as a reduction of the loan principal balance. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are considered by management to be reasonably assured.

As of the balance sheet dates, the Company was not contractually committed to lend additional funds to debtors with impaired, non-accrual or restructured loans.

## Credit Quality Grouping

In developing the allowance for loan losses, management uses credit quality grouping to help evaluate trends in credit quality. The Company groups credit risk into Groups A, B and C. The manner the Company utilizes to assign risk grouping is driven by loan purpose. Commercial purpose loans are individually risk graded while the retail portion of the portfolio is generally grouped by delinquency pool.

Group A loans - Acceptable Risk - are loans that are expected to perform as agreed under their respective terms. Such loans carry a normal level of risk that does not require management attention beyond that warranted by the loan or loan relationship characteristics, such as loan size or relationship size. Group A loans include commercial purpose loans that are individually risk rated and retail loans that are rated by pool. Group A retail loans include both performing consumer and residential real estate loans. Residential real estate loans are loans to individuals secured by 1-4 family homes, including first mortgages, home equity and home improvement loans. Loan balances fully secured by deposit accounts or that are fully guaranteed by the Federal Government are considered acceptable risk.

Group B loans - Management Involved - are loans that require greater attention than the acceptable loans in Group A. Characteristics of such loans may include, but are not limited to, borrowers that are experiencing negative operating trends such as reduced sales or margins, borrowers that have exposure to adverse market conditions such as increased competition or regulatory burden, or borrowers that have had unexpected or adverse changes in management. These loans have a greater likelihood of migrating to an unacceptable risk level if these characteristics are left unchecked. Group B is limited to commercial purpose loans that are individually risk rated.

Group C loans - Unacceptable Risk - are loans that have distinct shortcomings that require a greater degree of management attention. Examples of these shortcomings include a borrower's inadequate capacity to service debt, poor operating performance, or insolvency. These loans are more likely to result in repayment through collateral liquidation. Group C loans range from those that are likely to sustain some loss if the shortcomings are not corrected, to those for which loss is imminent and non-accrual treatment is warranted. Group C loans include individually rated commercial purpose loans and retail loans adversely rated in accordance with the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's Uniform Retail Credit Classification Policy. Group C retail loans include 1-4 family residential real estate loans and home equity loans past due 90 days or more with loan-to-value ratios greater than $60 \%$, home equity loans 90 days or more past due where the bank does not hold first mortgage, irrespective of loan-to-value, loans in bankruptcy where repayment is likely but not yet established, and lastly consumer loans that are 90 days or more past due.

Commercial purpose loan ratings are assigned by the commercial account officer; for larger and more complex commercial loans, the credit rating is a collaborative assignment by the lender and the credit analyst. The credit risk rating is based on the borrower's expected performance, i.e., the likelihood that the borrower will be able to service its obligations in accordance with the loan terms. Credit risk ratings are meant to measure risk versus simply record history. Assessment of expected future payment performance requires consideration of numerous factors. While past performance is part of the overall evaluation, expected performance is based on an analysis of the borrower's financial strength, and historical and projected factors such as size and financing alternatives, capacity and cash flow, balance sheet and income statement trends, the quality and timeliness of financial reporting, and the quality of the borrower's management. Other factors influencing the credit risk rating to a lesser degree include collateral coverage and control, guarantor strength and commitment, documentation, structure and covenants and industry conditions. There are uncertainties inherent in this process.

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Credit risk ratings are dynamic and require updating whenever relevant information is received. The risk ratings of larger or more complex loans, and Group B and C rated loans, are assessed at the time of their respective annual reviews, during quarterly updates, in action plans or at any other time that relevant information warrants update. Lenders are required to make immediate disclosure to the Chief Credit Officer of any known increase in loan risk, even if considered temporary in nature.

The risk ratings within the loan portfolio, by segment, as of the balance sheet dates were as follows:
As of March 31, 2016

|  | Commercial <br> \& Industrial | Commercial <br> Real Estate | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> 1st Lien | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> Jr Lien | Consumer | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group A | $\$ 58,289,285$ | $\$ 165,816,389$ | $\$ 159,255,456$ | $\$ 43,197,130$ | $\$ 6,790,425$ | $\$ 433,348,685$ |
| Group B | $4,448,662$ | $4,638,741$ | 593,394 | 184,734 | 0 | $9,865,531$ |
| Group C | 802,393 | $7,750,190$ | $2,745,525$ | 535,861 | 0 | $11,833,969$ |
| Total | $\$ 63,540,340$ | $\$ 178,205,320$ | $\$ 162,594,375$ | $\$ 43,917,725$ | $\$ 6,790,425$ | $\$ 455,048,185$ |

As of December 31, 2015

|  | Commercial <br> $\&$ Industrial | Commercial <br> Real Estate | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> 1 st Lien | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> Jr Lien | Consumer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

March 31, 2015

|  | Commercial <br> \& Industrial | Commercial <br> Real Estate | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> 1 st Lien | Residential <br> Real Estate <br> Jr Lien | Consumer | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group A | $\$ 63,693,155$ | $\$ 160,845,487$ | $\$ 158,579,882$ | $\$ 43,991,054$ | $\$ 7,392,306$ | $\$ 434,501,884$ |
| Group B | $2,900,660$ | $4,873,360$ | 233,858 | 269,395 | 0 | $8,277,273$ |
| Group C | 853,522 | $5,734,257$ | $2,780,571$ | 418,507 | 7,580 | $9,794,437$ |
| Total | $\$ 67,447,337$ | $\$ 171,453,104$ | $\$ 161,594,311$ | $\$ 44,678,956$ | $\$ 7,399,886$ | $\$ 452,573,594$ |

Modifications of Loans and TDRs

A loan is classified as a TDR if, for economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties, the Company grants a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider.

The Company is deemed to have granted such a concession if it has modified a troubled loan in any of the following ways:

Reduced accrued interest;
Reduced the original contractual interest rate to a rate that is below the current market rate for the borrower;
Converted a variable-rate loan to a fixed-rate loan;
Extended the term of the loan beyond an insignificant delay;
Deferred or forgiven principal in an amount greater than three months of payments; or
Performed a refinancing and deferred or forgiven principal on the original loan.

An insignificant delay or insignificant shortfall in the amount of payments typically would not require the loan to be accounted for as a TDR. However, pursuant to regulatory guidance, any payment delay longer than three months is generally not considered insignificant. Management's assessment of whether a concession has been granted also takes into account payments expected to be received from third parties, including third-party guarantors, provided that the third party has the ability to perform on the guarantee.

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The Company's TDRs are principally a result of extending loan repayment terms to relieve cash flow difficulties. The Company has only, on a limited basis, reduced interest rates for borrowers below the current market rate for the borrower. The Company has not forgiven principal or reduced accrued interest within the terms of original restructurings, nor has it converted variable rate terms to fixed rate terms. However, the Company evaluates each TDR situation on its own merits and does not foreclose the granting of any particular type of concession.

New TDRs, by portfolio segment, during the periods presented were as follows:
Three months ended March 31, 2016

|  | Number of Contracts | Pre- <br> Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Post- <br> Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 5 | \$ 395,236 | \$ 412,923 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 1 | 10,261 | 10,340 |
| Total | 6 | \$ 405,497 | \$ 423,263 |

Year ended December 31, 2015
Pre- Post-
Modification Modification Outstanding Outstanding

| Number of | Recorded | Recorded |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contracts | Investment | Investment |


| Commercial \& industrial | 2 | $\$ 199,134$ | $\$ 204,142$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial real estate | 3 | 581,431 | 616,438 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 12 | $1,229,100$ | $1,303,228$ |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 2 | 117,746 | 121,672 |
| Total | 19 | $\$ 2,127,411$ | $\$ 2,245,480$ |

Three months ended March 31, 2015

|  | Pre- | Post- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Modification | Modification |  |
| Outstanding | Outstanding |  |
| Number of | Recorded | Recorded |
| Contracts | Investment | Investment |


| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 5 | $\$ 344,329$ | $\$ 360,905$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 2 | 117,745 | 121,673 |
| Total | 7 | $\$ 462,074$ | $\$ 482,578$ |

The TDR's for which there was a payment default during the twelve month periods presented were as follows:
Twelve months ended March 31, 2016

|  | Number of <br> Contracts | Recorded <br> Investment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial | 1 | $\$ 79,158$ |
| Commercial real estate | 1 | 146,519 |
| Residential real estate -1 st lien | 1 | 59,838 |
| Total | 3 | $\$ 285,515$ |

Year ended December 31, 2015

|  | Number of <br> Contracts | Recorded <br> Investment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial real estate | 1 | $\$ 149,514$ |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 4 | 286,803 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 1 | 69,828 |
| Total | 6 | $\$ 506,145$ |

Twelve months ended March 31, 2015

|  | Number of <br> Contracts | Recorded <br> Investment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Residential real estate -1 st lien | 4 | $\$ 306,874$ |

TDRs are treated as other impaired loans and carry individual specific reserves with respect to the calculation of the allowance for loan losses. These loans are categorized as non-performing, may be past due, and are generally adversely risk rated. The TDRs that have defaulted under their restructured terms are generally in collection status and their reserve is typically calculated using the fair value of collateral method. At December 31, 2015, the specific allocation related to TDRs was approximately $\$ 25,100$. There was no specific allowance related to TDRs at March 31, 2016 and 2015.

As of the balance sheet dates, the Company was not contractually committed to lend additional funds to debtors with impaired, non-accrual or modified loans.

Note 6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets
As a result of the merger with LyndonBank on December 31, 2007, the Company recorded goodwill amounting to $\$ 11,574,269$. The goodwill is not amortizable and is not deductible for tax purposes.

The Company also recorded $\$ 4,161,000$ of acquired identified intangible assets representing the core deposit intangible which is subject to amortization as a non-interest expense over a ten year period. The accumulated amortization expense was $\$ 3,683,789$ and $\$ 3,411,094$ as of March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Amortization expense for the core deposit intangible for the first three months of 2016 and 2015 was $\$ 68,175$. As of March 31, 2016, the remaining annual amortization expense related to the core deposit intangible, absent any future
impairment, is expected to be as follows:

| 2016 | $\$ 204,520$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2017 | 272,691 |
| Total remaining core deposit intangible | $\$ 477,211$ |

Management evaluates goodwill for impairment annually and the core deposit intangible for impairment if conditions warrant. As of the date of the most recent evaluation (December 31, 2015), management concluded that no impairment existed in either category.

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## Note 7. Fair Value

Certain assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value to provide additional insight into the Company's quality of earnings. The fair values of some of these assets and liabilities are measured on a recurring basis while others are measured on a non-recurring basis, with the determination based upon applicable existing accounting pronouncements. For example, securities available-for-sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Other assets, such as mortgage servicing rights, loans held-for-sale, impaired loans, and OREO are recorded at fair value on a non-recurring basis using the lower of cost or market methodology to determine impairment of individual assets. The Company groups assets and liabilities which are recorded 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. The level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement (with Level 1 considered highest and Level 3 considered lowest). A brief description of each level follows.

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as U.S. Treasury, other U.S. Government debt securities that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Level Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities; quoted prices
2 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 or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments and derivative contracts whose value is determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. This category generally includes mortgage servicing rights, impaired loans and OREO.

Level Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of 3 the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments 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.

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

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents approximate their fair values. As such, the Company classifies these financial instruments as Level 1.

Securities available-for-sale and held-to-maturity: Fair value measurement is based upon quoted prices for similar assets, if available. If quoted prices are not available, fair values are measured using matrix pricing models, or other model-based valuation techniques requiring observable inputs other than quoted prices such as yield curves, prepayment speeds and default rates. Level 1 securities would include U.S. Treasury securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets. Level 2 securities include federal agency securities and securities of local municipalities.

Restricted equity securities: Restricted equity securities are comprised of Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB) stock and Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLBB) stock. These securities are carried at cost, which is believed to approximate fair value, based on the redemption provisions of the FRBB and the FHLBB. The stock is nonmarketable, and redeemable at par value, subject to certain conditions. As such the Company classifies these securities as Level 2.

Loans and loans held-for-sale: For variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying amounts. The fair values for other loans (for example, fixed rate residential, commercial real estate, and rental property mortgage loans, and commercial and industrial loans) are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based on interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. Loan fair value estimates include judgments regarding future expected loss experience and risk characteristics. Loan impairment is deemed to exist when full repayment of principal and interest according to the contractual terms of the loan is no longer probable. Impaired loans are reported based on one of three measures: the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate; the loan's observable market price; or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. If the fair value is less than an impaired loan's recorded investment, an impairment loss is recognized as part of the allowance for loan losses. Accordingly, certain impaired loans may be subject to measurement at fair value on a non-recurring basis. Management has estimated the fair values of these assets using Level 2 inputs, such as the fair value of collateral based on independent third-party appraisals for collateral-dependent loans. All other loans are valued using Level 3 inputs.

The fair value of loans held-for-sale is based upon an actual purchase and sale agreement between the Company and an independent market participant. The sale is executed within a reasonable period following quarter end at the stated fair value.

Mortgage servicing rights: Mortgage servicing rights represent the value associated with servicing residential mortgage loans. Servicing assets and servicing liabilities are reported using the amortization method and compared to fair value for impairment. In evaluating the carrying values of mortgage servicing rights, the Company obtains third party valuations based on loan level data including note rate, and the type and term of the underlying loans. As such, the Company classifies mortgage servicing rights as non-recurring Level 2.

OREO: Real estate acquired through or in lieu of foreclosure and bank properties no longer used as bank premises are initially recorded at fair value. The fair value of OREO is based on property appraisals and an analysis of similar properties currently available. As such, the Company records OREO as non-recurring Level 2.

Deposits, federal funds purchased and borrowed funds: The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (for example, checking accounts, savings accounts and repurchase agreements) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (that is, their carrying amounts). The fair values for certificates of deposit and borrowed funds are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates and indebtedness to a schedule of aggregated contractual maturities on such time deposits and indebtedness. As such the Company classifies deposits, federal funds purchased and borrowed funds as Level 2.

Capital lease obligations: Fair value is determined using a discounted cash flow calculation using current rates. Based on current rates, carrying value approximates fair value. As such the Company classifies these obligations as Level 2.

Junior subordinated debentures: Fair value is estimated using current rates for debentures of similar maturity. As such the Company classifies these instruments as Level 2.

Accrued interest: The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate their fair values. As such the Company classifies accrued interest as Level 2.

Off-balance-sheet credit related instruments: Commitments to extend credit are evaluated and fair value is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present credit-worthiness of the counterparties. For fixed-rate loan commitments, fair value also considers the difference between current levels of interest rates and the committed rates.

FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 825, "Financial Instruments", requires disclosures of fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the balance sheet, if the fair values can be reasonably determined. 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 using observable inputs when available. 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. Topic 825 excludes certain financial instruments and all nonfinancial instruments from its disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented may not necessarily represent the underlying fair value of the Company.

Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and reflected in the consolidated balance sheets at the dates presented, segregated by fair value hierarchy, are summarized below:

March 31, 2016
Level 2
Assets: (market approach)
U.S. GSE debt securities

Agency MBS 13,605,704
Other investments
Total \$29,572,121

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December 31, 2015
Level 2
Assets: (market approach)
U.S. GSE debt securities $\quad \$ 12,832,443$
Agency MBS 10,664,484

| Other investments | 2,973,473 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total | $\$ 26,470,400$ |

March 31, 2015 Level 1 Level 2
Assets: (market approach)
U.S. GSE debt securities \$0 \$19,003,978
U.S. Government securities $\quad 4,008,477 \quad 0$

| Agency MBS | 0 | $8,794,111$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
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There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 for the periods presented. There were no Level 1 assets or liabilities measured on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, and there were no Level 3 assets or liabilities measured on a recurring basis as of the balance sheet dates presented.

Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis
The following table includes assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis that have had a fair value adjustment since their initial recognition. Impaired loans measured at fair value only include impaired loans with a related specific allowance for loan losses and are presented net of specific allowances as disclosed in Note 5.

Assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis and reflected in the consolidated balance sheets at the dates presented, segregated by fair value hierarchy, are summarized below:

March 31, 2016 Level 2
Assets: (market approach)
Residential mortgage servicing rights $\quad \$ 1,278,982$

Impaired loans, net of related allowance 113,891
OREO 465,000

December 31, 2015
Assets: (market approach)
Residential mortgage servicing rights $\quad \$ 1,293,079$

Impaired loans, net of related allowance 268,092
OREO 262,000

March 31, 2015
Assets: (market approach)
Residential mortgage servicing rights $\quad \$ 1,306,468$

Impaired loans, net of related allowance 377,646
OREO 1, 1,238,320

There were no Level 1 or Level 3 assets or liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis as of the balance sheet dates presented.

The estimated fair values of commitments to extend credit and letters of credit were immaterial as of the dates presented in the tables below. The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments were as follows:

| March 31, 2016 | Carrying Amount | Fair Value Level 1 | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 2 ars in Thou | Fair Value Level 3 nds) | Fair <br> Value <br> Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Financial assets: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$25,453 | \$25,453 | \$0 | \$0 | \$25,453 |
| Securities held-to-maturity | 45,552 | 0 | 46,235 | 0 | 46,235 |
| Securities available-for-sale | 29,572 | 0 | 29,572 | 0 | 29,572 |
| Restricted equity securities | 1,891 | 0 | 1,891 | 0 | 1,891 |
| Loans and loans held-for-sale |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial \& industrial | 62,773 | 0 | 204 | 63,772 | 63,976 |
| Commercial real estate | 175,807 | 0 | 907 | 180,164 | 181,071 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 161,686 | 0 | 718 | 165,571 | 166,289 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 43,470 | 0 | 114 | 44,085 | 44,199 |
| Consumer | 6,728 | 0 | 0 | 7,021 | 7,021 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | 1,279 | 0 | 1,497 | 0 | 1,497 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 2,064 | 0 | 2,064 | 0 | 2,064 |
| Financial liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other deposits | 468,288 | 0 | 468,451 | 0 | 468,451 |
| Brokered deposits | 20,612 | 0 | 20,618 | 0 | 20,618 |
| Federal funds purchased and short-term borrowings | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Long-term borrowings | 350 | 0 | 324 | 0 | 324 |
| Repurchase agreements | 25,149 | 0 | 25,149 | 0 | 25,149 |
| Capital lease obligations | 537 | 0 | 537 | 0 | 537 |
| Subordinated debentures | 12,887 | 0 | 12,516 | 0 | 12,516 |
| Accrued interest payable | 61 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 61 |


| December 31, 2015 | Carrying <br> Amount | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 1 <br> (Dollars in Thousands) | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 2 | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 3 | Fair <br> Value <br> Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Financial assets: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 28,852$ | $\$ 28,852$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 28,852$ |
| Securities held-to-maturity | 43,354 | 0 | 44,143 | 0 | 44,143 |
| Securities available-for-sale | 26,470 | 0 | 26,470 | 0 | 26,470 |
| Restricted equity securities | 2,442 | 0 | 2,442 | 0 | 2,442 |
| Loans and loans held-for-sale |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial \& industrial | 64,438 | 0 | 286 | 65,399 | 65,685 |
| Commercial real estate | 175,945 | 0 | 2,552 | 178,502 | 181,054 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 162,492 | 0 | 1,395 | 164,959 | 166,354 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 44,270 | 0 | 119 | 44,939 | 45,058 |
| Consumer | 7,161 | 0 | 0 | 7,482 | 7,482 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | 1,293 | 0 | 1,497 | 0 | 1,497 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 1,633 | 0 | 1,633 | 0 | 1,633 |

Financial liabilities:
Deposits

| Other deposits | 467,851 | 0 | 467,514 | 0 | 467,514 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Brokered deposits | 27,635 | 0 | 27,640 | 0 | 27,640 |
| Federal funds purchased and short-term |  |  |  |  |  |
| borrowings | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Repurchase agreements | 22,073 | 0 | 22,073 | 0 | 22,073 |
| Capital lease obligations | 558 | 0 | 558 | 0 | 558 |
| Subordinated debentures | 12,887 | 0 | 12,851 | 0 | 12,851 |
| Accrued interest payable | 53 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 53 |


| March 31, 2015 | Carrying <br> Amount | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 1 (D | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 2 <br> lars in Tho | Fair <br> Value <br> Level 3 <br> ds) | Fair <br> Value <br> Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Financial assets: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$17,332 | \$17,332 | \$0 | \$0 | \$17,332 |
| Securities held-to-maturity | 42,832 | 0 | 43,182 | 0 | 43,182 |
| Securities available-for-sale | 31,807 | 4,009 | 27,798 | 0 | 31,807 |
| Restricted equity securities | 3,332 | 0 | 3,332 | 0 | 3,332 |
| Loans and loans held-for-sale |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial \& industrial | 66,667 | 0 | 633 | 67,521 | 68,154 |
| Commercial real estate | 169,053 | 0 | 2,108 | 172,762 | 174,870 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 161,528 | 0 | 761 | 165,294 | 166,055 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 44,338 | 0 | 297 | 44,975 | 45,272 |
| Consumer | 7,311 | 0 | 0 | 7,664 | 7,664 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | 1,306 | 0 | 1,452 | 0 | 1,452 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 2,059 | 0 | 2,059 | 0 | 2,059 |
| Financial liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other deposits | 461,001 | 0 | 458,526 | 0 | 458,526 |
| Brokered deposits | 16,118 | 0 | 18,742 | 0 | 18,742 |
| Federal funds purchased and short-term borrowings | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000 |
| Repurchase agreements | 28,230 | 0 | 28,230 | 0 | 28,230 |
| Capital lease obligations | 620 | 0 | 620 | 0 | 620 |
| Subordinated debentures | 12,887 | 0 | 12,865 | 0 | 12,865 |
| Accrued interest payable | 63 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 63 |

## Note 8. Loan Servicing

The following table shows the changes in the carrying amount of the mortgage servicing rights, included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets, for the periods indicated:
$\left.\begin{array}{lclcc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Three } \\ \text { Months } \\ \text { Ended }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Three } \\ \text { Months }\end{array} \\ \text { Year Ended } \\ \text { December } \\ \text { Ended }\end{array}\right\}$

Note 9. Legal Proceedings

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In the normal course of business, the Company and its subsidiary are involved in litigation that is considered incidental to their business. Management does not expect that any such litigation will be material to the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

Note 10. Subsequent Event
The Company has evaluated events and transactions through the date that the financial statements were issued for potential recognition or disclosure in these financial statements, as required by U.S. GAAP. On March 9, 2016, the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.16 per common share payable May 1, 2016 to shareholders of record as of April 15, 2016. This dividend, amounting to $\$ 799,182$, was accrued at March 31, 2016.

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS <br> Period Ended March 31, 2016

The following discussion analyzes the consolidated financial condition of Community Bancorp. (the Company) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Community National Bank (the Bank), as of March 31, 2016, December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2015, and its consolidated results of operations for the two interim periods presented. The Company is considered a "smaller reporting company" under applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is therefore eligible for relief from certain disclosure requirements. In accordance with such provisions, the Company has elected to provide its interim consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, and cash flows for two, rather than three, years.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in its 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains certain forward-looking statements about the results of operations, financial condition and business of the Company and its subsidiary. Words used in the discussion below such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates," "plans," "predicts," or similar expressions, indicate that management of the Company is making forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. They necessarily involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Future results of the Company may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. Examples of forward looking statements included in this discussion include, but are not limited to, estimated contingent liability related to assumptions made within the asset/liability management process, management's expectations as to the future interest rate environment and the Company's related liquidity level, credit risk expectations relating to the Company's loan portfolio and its participation in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLBB) Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) program, and management's general outlook for the future performance of the Company or the local or national economy. Although forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and estimates, many of the factors that could influence or determine actual results are unpredictable and not within the Company's control. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements as they speak only as of the date they are made. The Company does not undertake, and disclaims any obligation, to revise or update any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence or anticipated occurrence of events or circumstances after the date of this Report, except as required by applicable law. The Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 .

Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements include, among others, the following possibilities: (1) general economic conditions, either nationally, regionally or locally continue to deteriorate, resulting in a decline in credit quality or a diminished demand for the Company's products and services; (2) competitive pressures increase among financial service providers in the Company's northern New England market area or in the financial services industry generally, including competitive pressures from non-bank financial service providers, from increasing consolidation and integration of financial service providers, and from changes in technology and delivery systems; (3) interest rates change in such a way as to reduce the Company's margins; (4) changes in laws or government rules, including the rules of the federal Consumer Financial Protection

Bureau, or the way in which courts or government agencies interpret or implement those laws or rules, increase our costs of doing business causing us to limit or change our product offerings or pricing, or otherwise adversely affect the Company's business; (5) changes in federal or state tax policy; (6) changes in the level of nonperforming assets and charge-offs; (7) changes in estimates of future reserve requirements based upon relevant regulatory and accounting requirements; (8) changes in consumer and business spending, borrowing and savings habits; (9) the effect of changes to the calculation of the Company's regulatory capital ratios under the Basel III capital framework which, among other things, requires additional regulatory capital, and change the framework for risk-weighting of certain assets; (10) the effect of and changes in the United States monetary and fiscal policies, including the interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and its regulation of the money supply; and (11) adverse changes in the credit rating of U.S. government debt.

## NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Under SEC Regulation G, public companies making disclosures containing financial measures that are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (US GAAP or GAAP) must also disclose, along with each non-GAAP financial measure, certain additional information, including a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure to the closest comparable GAAP financial measure, as well as a statement of the company's reasons for utilizing the non-GAAP financial measure. The SEC has exempted from the definition of non-GAAP financial measures certain commonly used financial measures that are not based on GAAP. However, three non-GAAP financial measures commonly used by financial institutions, namely tax-equivalent net interest income and tax-equivalent net interest margin (as presented in the tables in the section labeled Interest Income Versus Interest Expense (Net Interest Income)) and core earnings (as defined and discussed in the Results of Operations section), have not been specifically exempted by the SEC, and may therefore constitute non-GAAP financial measures under Regulation G. We are unable to state with certainty whether the SEC would regard those measures as subject to Regulation G.

Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating the Company's financial performance and facilitate comparisons with the performance of other financial institutions. However, that information should be considered supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

## OVERVIEW

The Company's consolidated assets on March 31, 2016 were $\$ 593,409,328$, a decrease of $\$ 2,725,381$ or $0.5 \%$ from December 31, 2015 and an increase of $\$ 7,820,864$, or $1.3 \%$, from March 31, 2015. Net loans decreased $\$ 3,170,295$, or $0.7 \%$, since December 31, 2015 and increased $\$ 2,379,253$, or $0.5 \%$, since March 31, 2015. The year over year increase is attributable to growth in commercial loans and was funded through an increase in deposit accounts.

Total deposits declined $\$ 6,585,426$, or $1.3 \%$, since December 31, 2015 due primarily to the seasonal runoff of municipal deposits. In the year over year comparison, deposits increased $\$ 11,780,867$, or $2.5 \%$. Core deposits saw increases in most areas except money market funds and time deposits under $\$ 250,000$, which continue to shift into non-maturity deposits as they mature. The decrease in retail time deposits is a trend that has been prevalent for several years while rates have been at historic lows. Management believes that the low interest rates being paid on certificates of deposit (CDs) and other investment products has caused some depositors to place their money in non-maturity products such as demand and savings accounts while awaiting an improvement in interest rates and market conditions. This trend has slowed in recent months as rates have bottomed and the majority of remaining certificates of deposit have already repriced to lower rates.

Interest rates remain at historically low levels, and the resulting pressure on margins is being further exacerbated by a flattening yield curve as short rates have increased 25 basis points while long rates have stayed flat, or even declined. Growth of the commercial loan portfolio in recent years, which typically carries higher yields than residential and consumer loans, has helped to maintain a stable level of interest income. This shift in asset mix is in line with the Company's strategic plan to increase its concentration in commercial loans while maintaining a stable residential loan portfolio. While commercial loans inherently carry more risk, the Company has dedicated significant resources in the credit administration department to mitigate the additional risk. The opportunities for growth continue to be primarily in the Central Vermont market where economic activity is more robust than in the Company's Orleans and Caledonia county markets, and where the Company is increasing its presence and market share. The Company also has plans to open a loan production office in Chittenden County some time in 2016. The shift of a portion of the investment portfolio to higher yielding mortgage backed securities and attractive Bank Certificates of Deposit has also helped to maintain overall asset yields year over year.

Interest income declined $\$ 48,546$, or $0.8 \%$, for the first three months of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 and interest expense declined $\$ 64,252$, or $8.8 \%$, due to the continued decrease in interest rates paid on deposits and borrowings. The decrease in interest income year over year reflects a one-time recognition of approximately $\$ 170,000$ during the first three months of 2015 when one large non-accruing residential loan was paid off and two other loans that had been placed in non-accrual status were restored to accrual status. The decrease in interest paid on deposits is attributable to a shift of customer funds out of higher yielding CDs to lower yielding demand and savings accounts, as well as a decrease in the rate paid on these funds. Rates paid on non-maturity deposits have also been adjusted downward when necessary to account for changes in market rates.

Net interest income after the provision for loan losses improved by $\$ 65,706$, or $1.3 \%$, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. The charge to income for the provision for loan losses decreased $\$ 50,000$, or $33.3 \%$, for the comparison period due to lower net charge-offs than anticipated. Please refer to the Allowance for loan losses and provisions discussion in the Credit Risk section for more information.

Net income for the first three months of 2016 was $\$ 1,169,494$, an increase of $\$ 59,653$, or $5.4 \%$, compared to the same period in 2015. Non-interest income increased $\$ 25,064$, or $2.1 \%$, and non-interest expense decreased $\$ 14,438$, or $0.3 \%$; however, these changes were offset by an increase of $\$ 45,555$, or $11.5 \%$, in income tax expense. Loan fee income contributed to the increase in non-interest income. Residential mortgage lending activity improved during 2015 and into 2016, with residential mortgage originations totaling $\$ 8,475,629$ for the first three months of 2016 compared to $\$ 5,681,534$ for the same period of 2015 , resulting in increases in the Company's loan fee income. Of those originations during the first three months of 2016, secondary market sales totaled $\$ 4,651,578$, compared to $\$ 4,382,127$ for the first three months of 2015, providing points and premiums from the sales of these mortgages of $\$ 221,194$ and $\$ 200,675$, respectively, an increase of $10.2 \%$. Also contributing to the increase in net income was a decrease in total operating expenses of $\$ 14,438$, or $0.3 \%$, for the first three months of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. The overall decrease in operating expenses is due to decreases in the occupancy and other expenses which offset some normal increases in employee salaries and benefits. Please refer to the Non-interest Income and Expense sections for more information.

The regulatory environment continues to increase operating costs and place extensive burdens on personnel resources to comply with a myriad of legal requirements, including those under the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010, and the numerous rulemakings it has spawned, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the USA Patriot Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act, as well as the new Basel III capital framework. It is unlikely that these administrative costs and burdens will moderate in the future.

On March 9, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.16$ per common share, payable on May 1, 2016 to shareholders of record on April 15, 2016. The Company is focused on increasing the profitability of the balance sheet, and prudently managing operating expenses and risk, particularly credit risk, in order to remain a well-capitalized bank in this challenging economic environment.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company's significant accounting policies, which are described in Note 1 (Significant Accounting Policies) to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements in its 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, are fundamental to understanding the Company's results of operations and financial condition because they require management to use estimates and assumptions that may affect the value of the Company's assets or liabilities and financial results. These policies are considered by management to be critical because they require subjective and complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain and because it is likely that materially different amounts would be reported under different conditions or using different assumptions. The Company's critical accounting policies govern:
the allowance for loan losses;
other real estate owned (OREO);
valuation of residential mortgage servicing rights (MSRs);
other than temporary impairment of investment securities; and
the carrying value of goodwill.
These policies are described further in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K in the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies" and in Note 1 (Significant Accounting Policies) to the audited consolidated financial statements. There were no material changes during the first three months of 2016 in the Company's critical accounting policies described in the 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net income for the first three months of 2016 was $\$ 1,169,494$ or $\$ 0.23$ per common share, compared to $\$ 1,109,841$ or $\$ 0.22$ per common share for the same period in 2015. Core earnings (net interest income before the provision for loan losses) for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased $\$ 15,706$, or $0.3 \%$, compared to the prior year. In light of the continued pressure on net interest margin and spread in this persistently low interest rate environment, the Company is pleased with these increases. To help offset this pressure, the Company has continued to shift assets from lower yielding taxable investments to loans, and to shift a portion of the investment portfolio to higher yielding small business administration securities (SBA) and agency mortgage-backed securities (Agency MBS) within its available-for-sale portfolio. Compared to the same period last year, during the first three months of 2016, the loan mix has shifted in favor of higher yielding commercial loans, while the deposit mix shifted to lower cost non-maturity deposits, both of which have benefitted the Company's net interest income. Interest paid on deposits, which is the major component of total interest expense, decreased $\$ 75,863$, or $12.8 \%$, in the first three months of 2016 compared to the same period of 2015 , reflecting the continued low rate environment. The Company recorded a provision for loan losses of $\$ 100,000$ for the first three months of 2016 , compared to $\$ 150,000$ for the same period of 2015. Non-interest income increased $\$ 25,064$, or $2.1 \%$, for the first three months of 2016 compared to 2015 , due in

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part to an increase in residential mortgage loan sales, which generate fee income, and an increase in the collection of commercial loan documentation fees. Non-interest expense decreased $\$ 14,438$, or $0.3 \%$, for the first three months of 2016 compared to the prior year with increases in salaries \& benefits, which were offset by decreases in occupancy expense and other expenses. The section below labeled Non-Interest Income and Non-Interest Expense provides a more detailed discussion on the significant components of these two items.

Return on average assets, which is net income divided by average total assets, measures how effectively a corporation uses its assets to produce earnings. Return on average equity, which is net income divided by average shareholders' equity, measures how effectively a corporation uses its equity capital to produce earnings.

The following table shows these ratios annualized for the comparison periods.

|  | Three Months Ended |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March 31, |  |  |  |
|  | 2016 | 2015 |  |  |
| Return on Average Assets | 0.80 | $\%$ | 0.78 | $\%$ |
| Return on Average Equity | 9.04 | $\%$ | 9.08 | $\%$ |

The following table summarizes the earnings performance and certain balance sheet data of the Company for the periods presented.

## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited)

|  | March 31, <br> 2016 | December 31, <br> 2015 | March 31, <br> 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance Sheet Data |  |  |  |
| Net loans | $\$ 450,253,747$ | $\$ 453,424,042$ | $\$ 447,874,494$ |
| Total assets | $593,409,328$ | $596,134,709$ | $585,588,464$ |
| Total deposits | $488,900,136$ | $495,485,562$ | $477,119,269$ |
| Borrowed funds | $10,350,000$ | $10,000,000$ | $15,000,000$ |
| Total liabilities | $541,205,972$ | $544,720,053$ | $535,921,051$ |
| Total shareholders' equity | $52,203,356$ | $51,414,656$ | $49,667,413$ |


|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 |
| Operating Data |  |  |
| Total interest income | \$5,818,254 | \$5,866,800 |
| Total interest expense | 663,262 | 727,514 |
| Net interest income | 5,154,992 | 5,139,286 |
|  |  |  |
| Provision for loan losses | 100,000 | 150,000 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 5,054,992 | 4,989,286 |
|  |  |  |
| Non-interest income | 1,237,851 | 1,212,787 |
| Non-interest expense | 4,682,291 | 4,696,729 |
| Income before income taxes | 1,610,552 | 1,505,344 |
| Applicable income tax expense(1) | 441,058 | 395,503 |
|  |  |  |
| Net Income | \$1,169,494 | \$1,109,841 |
|  |  |  |
| Per Common Share Data |  |  |
| Earnings per common share (2) | \$0.23 | \$0.22 |
| Dividends declared per common share | \$0.16 | \$0.16 |


| Book value per common share outstanding, period end | $\$ 9.92$ | $\$ 9.53$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | $5,000,144$ | $4,938,500$ |
| Number of common shares outstanding, period end | $5,010,318$ | $4,949,411$ |

(1) Applicable income tax expense assumes a $34 \%$ tax rate.
(2) Computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented.

## INTEREST INCOME VERSUS INTEREST EXPENSE (NET INTEREST INCOME)

The largest component of the Company's operating income is net interest income, which is the difference between interest earned on loans and investments versus the interest paid on deposits and other sources of funds (i.e. other borrowings). The Company's level of net interest income can fluctuate over time due to changes in the level and mix of earning assets and sources of funds (volume), and from changes in the yield earned and costs of funds (rate). A portion of the Company's income from municipal investments is not subject to income taxes. Because the proportion of tax-exempt items in the Company's portfolio varies from year-to-year, to improve comparability of information, the non-taxable income shown in the tables below has been converted to a tax equivalent basis. Because the Company's corporate tax rate is $34 \%$, to equalize tax-free and taxable income in the comparison, we divide the tax-free income by $66 \%$, with the result that every tax-free dollar is equivalent to $\$ 1.52$ in taxable income.

The Company's tax-exempt interest income of $\$ 284,909$ for the first three months of 2016 and $\$ 271,126$ for the same period last year was derived from municipal investments, which comprised the entire held-to-maturity portfolio of $\$ 45,551,714$ at March 31, 2016, and \$42,831,982 at March 31, 2015.

The following table shows the reconciliation between reported net interest income and tax equivalent, net interest income for the quarterly comparison periods presented.

|  | Three Months Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, |  |  |
|  | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net interest income as presented | $\$ 5,154,992$ | $\$ 5,139,286$ |
| Effect of tax-exempt income | 146,771 | 139,671 |
| Net interest income, tax equivalent | $\$ 5,301,763$ | $\$ 5,278,957$ |

The following table presents average earning assets and average interest-bearing liabilities supporting earning assets. Interest income (excluding interest on non-accrual loans) and interest expense are both expressed on a tax equivalent basis, both in dollars and as a rate/yield for the comparison periods presented.

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Average |  |
|  |  |  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Average | Income/ | Rate/ |  | Average | Income/ | Rate/ |  |
|  | Balance | Expense | Yield |  | Balance | Expense | Yield |  |
| Interest-Earning Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans (1) | \$454,820,382 | \$5,370,424 | 4.75 | \% | \$450,715,745 | \$5,464,261 | 4.92 | \% |
| Taxable investment securities | 29,114,466 | 122,637 | 1.69 | \% | 32,356,851 | 105,039 | 1.32 | \% |
| Tax-exempt investment securities | 44,788,615 | 431,680 | 3.88 | \% | 42,784,540 | 410,797 | 3.89 | \% |
| Sweep and interest-earning accounts | 9,088,192 | 10,906 | 0.48 | \% | 3,900,378 | 2,491 | 0.26 | \% |
| Other investments (2) | 2,575,619 | 29,378 | 4.59 | \% | 3,719,450 | 23,883 | 2.60 | \% |
| Total | \$540,387,274 | \$5,965,025 | 4.44 | \% | \$533,476,964 | \$6,006,471 | 4.57 | \% |


| Interest-Bearing Liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest-bearing transaction accounts | \$115,448,881 | \$53,699 | 0.19 | \% | \$116,912,644 | \$58,015 | 0.20 | \% |
| Money market accounts | 87,656,153 | 217,469 | 1.00 | \% | 91,931,278 | 224,779 | 0.99 | \% |
| Savings deposits | 83,000,432 | 25,599 | 0.12 | \% | 77,424,500 | 23,337 | 0.12 | \% |
| Time deposits | 109,066,015 | 219,827 | 0.81 | \% | 112,041,544 | 286,326 | 1.04 | \% |
| Federal funds purchased and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| other borrowed funds | 6,729,780 | 8,056 | 0.48 | \% | 2,626,778 | 1,988 | 0.31 | \% |
| Repurchase agreements | 24,437,248 | 17,991 | 0.30 | \% | 28,289,246 | 19,638 | 0.28 | \% |
| Capital lease obligations | 544,405 | 11,102 | 8.16 | \% | 626,668 | 12,753 | 8.14 | \% |
| Junior subordinated |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | \$439,769,914 | \$663,262 | 0.61 | \% | \$442,739,658 | \$727,514 | 0.67 | \% |
| Net interest income |  | \$5,301,763 |  |  |  | \$5,278,957 |  |  |
| Net interest spread (3) |  |  | 3.83 | \% |  |  | 3.90 | \% |
| Net interest margin (4) |  |  | 3.95 | \% |  |  | 4.01 | \% |

(1) Included in gross loans are non-accrual loans with an average balance of $\$ 4,015,185$ and $\$ 4,736,389$ for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Loans are stated before deduction of unearned discount and allowance for loan losses.
(2) Included in other investments is the Company's FHLBB Stock with average balances of $\$ 1,600,469$ and $\$ 2,744,300$ respectively, and dividend payout rates of approximately $4.05 \%$ and $1.78 \%$, respectively, for the first three months of 2016 and 2015, respectively.
(3) Net interest spread is the difference between the average yield on average interest-earning assets and the average rate paid on average interest-bearing liabilities.
(4) Net interest margin is net interest income divided by average earning assets.

The average volume of interest-earning assets for the first three months of 2016 increased $\$ 6,910,310$, or $1.3 \%$, compared to the same period of 2015, and the average yield decreased 13 basis points to $4.44 \%$ for the first three months of 2016 compared to $4.57 \%$ for the same period of 2015 . The average volume of loans increased $\$ 4,104,637$, or $0.9 \%$, and the average yield declined by 17 basis points. Interest income on loans for the three months ended March 31, 2015 included recognition of approximately $\$ 170,000$ in accrued interest when one large non-accruing residential loan was paid off and two other loans were restored to accrual status. Interest earned on the loan portfolio equaled approximately $90.0 \%$ of total interest income for the first three months of 2016 and $91.0 \%$ for the same period of 2015. The average volume of the taxable investment portfolio (classified as available-for-sale) decreased $\$ 3,342,385$, or $10.0 \%$, for the same period, while the average yield increased 37 basis points due in part to the shift to higher yielding mortgage backed securities and investment CDs. The average volume of the tax-exempt investment portfolio (classified as held-to-maturity) increased $\$ 2,004,075$, or $4.7 \%$, between periods, while the average tax equivalent yield decreased one basis point year over year. The average volume of sweep and interest-earning accounts, which is primarily made up of an interest-earning deposit account at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB), increased $\$ 5,187,814$, or $133.0 \%$.

In comparison, the average volume of interest-bearing liabilities for the first three months of 2016 decreased $\$ 2,969,744$, or $0.7 \%$, over the 2015 comparison period, and the average rate paid on these liabilities decreased six basis points. The average volume of savings accounts increased $\$ 5,575,932$, or $7.2 \%$, for the first three months of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 due partly to the continued shift in product mix from time deposits to savings accounts as consumers anticipate higher rates in the near future. The average volume of federal funds purchased and other borrowed funds increased $\$ 4,103,002$, or $156.2 \%$, and the average rate paid increased 17 basis points for the first three months of 2016 compared to the same period of 2015, as short term advances were borrowed earlier in the quarter in 2016 compared to 2015 and borrowing costs increased slightly due to the increase in the federal funds rate in December, 2015. The Company renewed $\$ 10,000,000$ in FHLBB short-term advances during the first three months of 2016. The average volume of money market funds decreased $\$ 4,275,125$, or $7.2 \%$, while the average rate paid increased one basis point. The decrease in money market funds is due primarily to a decrease in insured cash sweep (ICS) brokered money market balances. The average volume of repurchase agreements decreased $\$ 3,851,998$, or $13.6 \%$, while the average rate paid increased two basis points. The average volume of time deposits, both retail and wholesale, decreased $\$ 2,975,529$, or $2.7 \%$, and the average rate paid decreased 23 basis points.

The prolonged low interest rate environment has resulted in continued pressure on the Company's net interest spread and margin. The Company's earning assets are being both replaced with, and repricing to, lower interest rates, while the opportunity to reduce rates further on non-maturing interest-bearing deposits is limited given the already low rates paid on deposits. For the three months comparison periods of 2016 and 2015, the average yield on interest-earning assets decreased 13 basis points, while the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities decreased six basis points, resulting in a decrease of seven basis points in net interest spread. Net interest margin for the first three months of 2016 was $3.95 \%$ compared to $4.01 \%$ the same period in 2015.

The following table summarizes the variances in interest income and interest expense on a fully tax-equivalent basis for the periods presented for 2016 and 2015 resulting from volume changes in average assets and average liabilities and fluctuations in average rates earned and paid.

## Changes in Interest Income and Interest Expense

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Variance } \\ & \text { Due to } \\ & \text { Rate (1) } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Variance } \\ & \text { Due to } \\ & \text { Volume (1) } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total Variance |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average Interest-Earning Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans | \$(143,632 | ) | \$49,795 |  | \$(93,837 | ) |
| Taxable investment securities | 31,222 |  | (13,624 | ) | 17,598 |  |
| Tax-exempt investment securities | 1,660 |  | 19,223 |  | 20,883 |  |
| Sweep and interest-earning accounts | 5,089 |  | 3,326 |  | 8,415 |  |
| Other investments | 18,549 |  | (13,054 | ) | 5,495 |  |
| Total | \$(87,112 | ) | \$45,666 |  | \$(41,446 | ) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Interest-Bearing Liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest-bearing transaction accounts | \$(3,625 | ) | \$(691 | ) | \$(4,316 | ) |
| Money market accounts | 3,319 |  | (10,629 | ) | (7,310 | ) |
| Savings deposits | 612 |  | 1,650 |  | 2,262 |  |
| Time deposits | (60,506 | ) | (5,993 | ) | (66,499 | ) |
| Federal funds purchased and other borrowed funds | 2,932 |  | 3,136 |  | 6,068 |  |
| Repurchase agreements | 1,226 |  | (2,873 | ) | (1,647 | ) |
| Capital lease obligations | 18 |  | (1,669 | ) | (1,651 | ) |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 8,841 |  | 0 |  | 8,841 |  |
| Total | \$(47,183 | ) | \$(17,069 | ) | \$(64,252 | ) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changes in net interest income | \$(39,929 | ) | \$62,735 |  | \$22,806 |  |

(1) Items which have shown a year-to-year increase in volume have variances allocated as follows:

Variance due to rate $=$ Change in rate x new volume
Variance due to volume $=$ Change in volume x old rate
Items which have shown a year-to-year decrease in volume have variances allocated as follows:

Variance due to rate $=$ Change in rate x old volume
Variances due to volume $=$ Change in volume x new rate

## NON-INTEREST INCOME AND NON-INTEREST EXPENSE

Non-interest Income

The components of non-interest income for the periods presented are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  | Change |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 | \$ |  | \% |  |
| Service fees | \$617,679 | \$631,437 | \$(13,758 | ) | -2.18 | \% |
| Income from sold loans | 221,194 | 200,675 | 20,519 |  | 10.22 | \% |
| Other income from loans | 195,888 | 134,200 | 61,688 |  | 45.97 | \% |
| Income from CFSG Partners | 82,579 | 93,846 | (11,267 | ) | -12.01 | \% |
| Rental income on OREO properties | 0 | 35,420 | (35,420 | ) | -100.00 | \% |
| Exchange income | 27,500 | 15,500 | 12,000 |  | 77.42 | \% |
| SERP fair value adjustment | 6,471 | 10,971 | (4,500 | ) | -41.02 | \% |
| Other income | 86,540 | 90,738 | (4,198 | ) | -4.63 | \% |
| Total non-interest income | \$1,237,851 | \$1,212,787 | \$25,064 |  | 2.07 | \% |

Total non-interest income increased $\$ 25,064$ for the first three months of 2016 versus the same period in 2015, with significant changes noted in the following:

Income from sold loans increased $\$ 20,519$, or $10.2 \%$, year over year, due to an increase in secondary market sales year over year.

Other income from loans increased $\$ 61,688$, or $46.0 \%$, year over year, due primarily to an increase in commercial loan documentation fees.

Income from CFSG Partners decreased $\$ 11,267$, or $12.0 \%$, year over year compared to the same period in 2015 which is attributable to a decrease in asset management fees due to a decline in the markets.

The Company sold an OREO property in 2015 that had generated rental income accounting for the absence of rental income year to date.

Exchange income increased $\$ 12,000$, or $77.4 \%$, for the three month period year over year due to the weakening Canadian dollar during 2015.

SERP fair value adjustment decreased $\$ 4,500$, or $41.0 \%$, year over year due to changes in the equity markets.

## Non-interest Expense

The components of non-interest expense for the periods presented are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  | Change |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 | \$ |  | \% |  |
| Salaries and wages | \$1,725,000 | \$1,655,152 | \$69,848 |  | 4.22 | \% |
| Employee benefits | 685,082 | 664,153 | 20,929 |  | 3.15 | \% |
| Occupancy expenses, net | 645,746 | 690,303 | (44,557 | ) | -6.45 | \% |
| Other expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Computer outsourcing | 122,695 | 118,567 | 4,128 |  | 3.48 | \% |
| Service contracts - administrative | 89,699 | 97,752 | (8,053 | ) | -8.24 | \% |
| Telephone expense | 76,425 | 81,141 | (4,716 | ) | -5.81 | \% |
| Collection \& non-accruing loan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| expense | 28,000 | 12,000 | 16,000 |  | 133.33 | \% |
| OREO expense | (4,494 | 12,966 | (17,460 | ) | -134.66 | \% |
| ATM fees | 94,220 | 87,403 | 6,817 |  | 7.80 | \% |
| State deposit tax | 140,211 | 137,790 | 2,421 |  | 1.76 | \% |
| Other miscellaneous expenses | 1,079,707 | 1,139,502 | (59,795 | ) | -5.25 | \% |
| Total non-interest expense | \$4,682,291 | \$4,696,729 | \$(14,438 | ) | -0.31 | \% |

Total non-interest expense decreased $\$ 14,438$, or $0.3 \%$, for the first three months of 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 with significant changes noted in the following:

Salaries increased $\$ 69,848$, or $4.2 \%$, year over year, due in part to normal increases in salaries as well as additional staffing in the commercial lending area.

Employee benefits increased $\$ 20,929$, or $3.2 \%$, year over year, mostly due to an increase in insurance premiums.
Occupancy expenses decreased $\$ 44,557$ year over year, due in part to lower heating costs and maintenance costs associated with the winter months as the region experienced a fairly mild winter compared to the last few years. Also contributing to the decrease in occupancy expenses is the reduction in operating costs due to the closing of two branches in the third quarter of 2015.

Collection \& non-accruing loan expense increased $\$ 16,000$ or $133.3 \%$, year over year, due to non-recurring recovery of expenses in 2015 in the amount of approximately $\$ 20,500$.

OREO expense decreased $\$ 17,460$, or $134.7 \%$, year over year. During the first quarter of 2016, the Company received approximately $\$ 15,000$ in reimbursed condo fees associated with the OREO property that was sold in December of 2015.

Other miscellaneous expenses decreased $\$ 59,795$, or $5.3 \%$, year over year. During the first three months of 2015, the Company took in a fraudulent check amounting to approximately $\$ 45,000$ making up for most of the decrease between periods.

## APPLICABLE INCOME TAXES

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The provision for income taxes increased $\$ 45,555$, or $11.5 \%$, to $\$ 441,058$ for the first three months of 2016 compared to $\$ 395,503$ for the first three months of 2015 , due primarily to an increase in income before taxes of $\$ 105,208$, or $7.0 \%$. A decrease of $\$ 9,453$ in tax credits makes up a small portion of the increase in tax expense. Tax credits related to limited partnerships amounted to $\$ 98,475$ and $\$ 107,928$, respectively, for the first three months of 2016 and 2015.

Pursuant to Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-01, Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects, effective December 15, 2014, amortization expense related to limited partnership investments, are included as a component of tax expense and amounted to $\$ 102,006$ and $\$ 100,860$, respectively, for the first three months of 2016 and 2015. These investments provide tax benefits, including tax credits, and are designed to provide an effective yield between $8 \%$ and $10 \%$.

Amortization expense relating to the Company's New Market Tax Credit investment are also recorded as a separate component of tax expense and for the first three months of 2016 and 2015 amounted to $\$ 44,484$ and $\$ 40,473$, respectively.

The Company amortizes these investments under the effective yield method.

## CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following table reflects the composition of the Company's major categories of assets and liabilities as a percentage of total assets or liabilities and shareholders' equity, as the case may be, as of the dates indicated:

March 31, 2016 December 31, 2015 March 31, 2015

| Assets |  | $\$ 455,048,185$ | 76.68 | $\%$ | $\$ 458,119,429$ | 76.85 | $\%$ | $\$ 452,573,594$ | 77.29 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Loans | $\%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Securities available-for-sale | $29,572,121$ | 4.98 | $\%$ | $26,470,400$ | 4.44 | $\%$ | $31,806,566$ | 5.43 | $\%$ |
| Securities held-to-maturity | $45,551,714$ | 7.68 | $\%$ | $43,354,419$ | 7.27 | $\%$ | $42,831,982$ | 7.31 | $\%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liabilities | $91,019,639$ | 15.34 | $\%$ | $93,525,762$ | 15.69 | $\%$ | $82,409,999$ | 14.07 | $\%$ |
| Demand deposits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest-bearing transaction | $117,208,113$ | 19.75 | $\%$ | $130,735,094$ | 21.93 | $\%$ | $113,984,797$ | 19.47 | $\%$ |
| accounts | $86,652,637$ | 14.60 | $\%$ | $81,930,888$ | 13.74 | $\%$ | $89,983,921$ | 15.37 | $\%$ |
| Money market accounts | $85,327,489$ | 14.38 | $\%$ | $81,731,290$ | 13.71 | $\%$ | $80,299,343$ | 13.71 | $\%$ |
| Savings deposits | $\$ 108,692,258$ | 18.32 | $\%$ | $\$ 107,562,528$ | 18.04 | $\%$ | $\$ 110,441,209$ | 18.86 | $\%$ |
| Time deposits | $10,000,000$ | 1.69 | $\%$ | $10,000,000$ | 1.68 | $\%$ | $15,000,000$ | 2.56 | $\%$ |
| Short-term advances | 350,000 | 0.06 | $\%$ | 0 | 0.00 | $\%$ | 0 |  | 0.00 |
| Long-term advances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The Company's loan portfolio at March 31, 2016 decreased $\$ 3,071,244$, or $0.7 \%$, from December 31, 2015 and increased $\$ 2,474,591$, or $0.6 \%$, year over year. The modest overall year over year increase is the result of declining balances in the Company's retail portfolio, primarily consumer installment and home equity loans, offset by increases in commercial loans. These changes in the relative composition of the loan portfolio are consistent with the Company's goal to increase its commercial loan portfolio, and reflect the efforts of a seasoned commercial lending team with a strong presence in the small business community. Most of the growth in the commercial loan portfolio has occurred in the Company's Washington County (Central Vermont) market. Securities available-for-sale increased $\$ 3,101,721$, or $11.7 \%$, year to date, but noted a decrease of $\$ 2,234,445$, or $7.0 \%$, year over year. Securities held-to-maturity increased $\$ 2,197,295$, or $5.1 \%$, at March 31, 2016, compared to December 31, 2015, and increased $\$ 2,719,732$, or $6.4 \%$, compared to March 31,2015 . Held-to-maturity securities are made up of investments from the Company's municipal customers in its service areas. While the company has used maturing securities to fund loan growth in recent periods, the liquidity provided by these investments is very important, and as such the portfolio is not expected to see further decline in balances.

Total deposits decreased $\$ 6,585,426$, or $1.3 \%$, from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016, with an increase of $\$ 11,780,867$, or $2.5 \%$, noted year over year. The decrease compared with December 31, 2015 is primarily the result of typical municipal deposit runoff from the peak balances observed in the fourth quarter when property tax funds are received. Time deposits increased $\$ 1,129,730$, or $1.1 \%$, from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016 and decreased $\$ 1,748,951$, or $1.6 \%$, year over year as retail customers rolled maturing funds into non-maturity deposits. As a result, savings deposits increased in both comparison periods, by $\$ 3,596,199$, or $4.4 \%$, year to date, and $\$ 5,028,146$, or $6.3 \%$, year over year. Demand deposits decreased $\$ 2,506,123$, or $2.7 \%$, during the first three months of 2016 , and increased $\$ 8,609,640$, or $10.5 \%$, year over year. Short-term advances from the FHLBB totaling $\$ 10,000,000$ were reported at

March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and $\$ 15,000,000$ at March 31, 2015. In addition, there was an outstanding long-term advance from the FHLBB of $\$ 350,000$ at March 31, 2016, compared to no such advances at either December 31, 2015 or March 31, 2015.

Interest Rate Risk and Asset and Liability Management - Management actively monitors and manages the Company's interest rate risk exposure and attempts to structure the balance sheet to maximize net interest income while controlling its exposure to interest rate risk. The Company's Asset/Liability Management Committee (ALCO) is made up of the Executive Officers and certain Vice Presidents of the Bank. The ALCO formulates strategies to manage interest rate risk by evaluating the impact on earnings and capital of such factors as current interest rate forecasts and economic indicators, potential changes in such forecasts and indicators, liquidity and various business strategies. The ALCO meets at least quarterly to review financial statements, liquidity levels, yields and spreads to better understand, measure, monitor and control the Company's interest rate risk. In the ALCO process, the committee members apply policy limits set forth in the Asset Liability, Liquidity and Investment policies approved and periodically reviewed by the Company's Board of Directors. The ALCO's methods for evaluating interest rate risk include an analysis of the effects of interest rate changes on net interest income and an analysis of the Company's interest rate sensitivity "gap", which provides a static analysis of the maturity and repricing characteristics of the entire balance sheet. The ALCO Policy also includes a contingency funding plan to help management prepare for unforeseen liquidity restrictions, including hypothetical severe liquidity crises.

Interest rate risk represents the sensitivity of earnings to changes in market interest rates. As interest rates change, the interest income and expense streams associated with the Company's financial instruments also change, thereby impacting net interest income (NII), the primary component of the Company's earnings. Fluctuations in interest rates can also have an impact on liquidity. The ALCO uses an outside consultant to perform rate shock simulations to the Company's net interest income, as well as a variety of other analyses. It is the ALCO's function to provide the assumptions used in the modeling process. Assumptions used in prior period simulation models are regularly tested by comparing projected NII with actual NII. The ALCO utilizes the results of the simulation model to quantify the estimated exposure of NII and liquidity to sustained interest rate changes. The simulation model captures the impact of changing interest rates on the interest income received and interest expense paid on all interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities reflected on the Company's balance sheet. The model also simulates the balance sheet's sensitivity to a prolonged flat rate environment. All rate scenarios are simulated assuming a parallel shift of the yield curve; however further simulations are performed utilizing non-parallel changes in the yield curve. The results of this sensitivity analysis are compared to the ALCO policy limits which specify a maximum tolerance level for NII exposure over a 1 -year horizon, assuming no balance sheet growth, given a 200 basis point (bp) shift upward and a 100 bp shift downward in interest rates.

Under the Company's rate sensitivity modeling, in the current flat rate environment, NII levels are projected to be flat as the downward pressure on asset yields is projected to slow down as cash flow is replaced at equal yields. Funding costs are expected to provide slight relief as longer-term time deposits mature and are replaced at current rates. In a rising rate environment, NII is expected to trend upward as the short-term asset base (cash and adjustable rate loans) quickly cycle upward while the retail funding base (deposits) lags the market. If rates paid on deposits have to be increased more and/or more quickly than projected, the expected benefit to rising rates would be reduced. In a falling rate environment, NII is expected to trend in-line with the current rate environment scenario for the first year of the simulation as asset yield erosion is offset by decreasing funding costs. Thereafter, net interest income is projected to experience sustained downward pressure as funding costs reach their assumed floors and asset yields continue to reprice into the lower rate environment.

The following table summarizes the estimated impact on the Company's NII over a twelve month period, assuming a gradual parallel shift of the yield curve beginning March 31, 2016:

## Rate Change Percent Change in NII

| Down 100 basis points | -1.50 | $\%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Up 200 basis points | 5.90 | $\%$ |

The amounts shown in the table are well within the ALCO Policy limits. However, those amounts do not represent a forecast and should not be relied upon as indicative of future results. While assumptions used in the ALCO process, including the interest rate simulation analyses, are developed based upon current economic and local market conditions, and expected future conditions, the Company cannot provide any assurances as to the predictive nature of these assumptions, including how customer preferences or competitor influences might change.

Credit Risk - As a financial institution, one of the primary risks the Company manages is credit risk, the risk of loss stemming from borrowers' failure to repay loans or inability to meet other contractual obligations. The Company's Board of Directors prescribes policies for managing credit risk, including Loan, Appraisal and Environmental policies. These policies are supplemented by comprehensive underwriting standards and procedures. The Company maintains a Credit Administration department whose function includes credit analysis and monitoring of and reporting on the status of the loan portfolio, including delinquent and non-performing loan trends. The Company also monitors concentration of credit risk in a variety of areas, including portfolio mix, the level of loans to individual borrowers and their related interest, loans to industry segments, and the geographic distribution of commercial real estate loans.

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Loans are reviewed periodically by an independent loan review firm to help ensure accuracy of the Company's internal risk ratings and compliance with various internal policies, procedures and regulatory guidance.

Residential mortgages represent approximately half of the Company's loan balances; that level has been on a gradual decline in recent years, with a strategic shift to commercial lending. The Company maintains a mortgage loan portfolio of traditional mortgage products and does not engage in higher risk loans such as option adjustable rate mortgage products, high loan-to-value products, interest only mortgages, subprime loans and products with deeply discounted teaser rates. Residential mortgages with loan-to-values exceeding $80 \%$ are generally covered by private mortgage insurance ("PMI"). A $90 \%$ loan-to-value residential mortgage product without PMI is only available to borrowers with excellent credit and low debt-to-income ratios and has not been widely originated. Junior lien home equity products make up approximately $21 \%$ of the residential mortgage portfolio with maximum loan-to-value ratios (including prior liens) of $80 \%$. The Company also originates some home equity loans greater than $80 \%$ under an insured loan program with stringent underwriting criteria.

The Company's strategy is to continue growing the commercial \& industrial and commercial real estate portfolios. Consistent with the strategic focus on commercial lending, both segments saw solid growth during 2015, and continued strong commercial loan demand and originations in 2016, despite some significant loan payoffs during the first three months of 2016. Commercial and commercial real estate loans together comprised $52.8 \%$ of the Company's loan portfolio at March 31, 2015, growing to 53.1\% at December 31, 2015 and remaining at $53.1 \%$ at March 31, 2016. The increase in the size of the commercial loan portfolio has also increased geographic diversification, with much of the growth in commercial loans occurring in central Vermont and Chittenden County.

The following table reflects the composition of the Company's loan portfolio, by portfolio segment, as a percentage of total loans as of the dates indicated:

March 31, 2016
December 31, 2015
March 31, 2015

| Commercial \& industrial | \$63,540,340 | 13.97 | \% | \$65,191,124 | 14.23 | \% | \$67,447,337 | 14.90 | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial real estate | 178,205,320 | 39.16 | \% | 178,206,542 | 38.90 | \% | 171,453,104 | 37.88 | \% |
| 1-4 family residential 1st lien | 162,594,375 | 35.73 | \% | 162,760,273 | 35.53 | \% | 161,594,311 | 35.71 | \% |
| 1-4 family residential - Jr |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| lien | 43,917,725 | 9.65 | \% | 44,720,266 | 9.76 | \% | 44,678,956 | 9.87 | \% |
| Consumer | 6,790,425 | 1.49 | \% | 7,241,224 | 1.58 | \% | 7,399,886 | 1.64 | \% |
| Total loans | 455,048,185 | 100.00 | \% | 458,119,429 | 100.00 | \% | 452,573,594 | 100.00 | \% |
| Deduct (add): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allowance for loan losses | 5,109,488 |  |  | 5,011,878 |  |  | 5,003,049 |  |  |
| Deferred net loan costs | (315,050 ) |  |  | (316,491 ) |  |  | (303,949 ) |  |  |
|  | 4,794,438 |  |  | 4,695,387 |  |  | 4,699,100 |  |  |
| Net loans | \$450,253,747 |  |  | \$453,424,042 |  |  | \$447,874,494 |  |  |

Risk in the Company's commercial \& industrial and commercial real estate loan portfolios is mitigated in part by government guarantees issued by federal agencies such as the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. At March 31, 2016, the Company had \$22,780,646 in guaranteed loans with guaranteed balances of $\$ 17,379,981$, compared to $\$ 21,823,375$ in guaranteed loans with guaranteed balances of $\$ 16,853,181$ at December 31, 2015 and $\$ 28,122,391$ in guaranteed loans with guaranteed balances of \$22,126,317 at March 31, 2015.

The Company works actively with customers early in the delinquency process to help them to avoid default and foreclosure. Commercial \& industrial and commercial real estate loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when there is deterioration in the financial position of the borrower, payment in full of principal and interest is not expected, and/or principal or interest has been in default for 90 days or more. However, such a loan need not be placed on non-accrual status if it is both well secured and in the process of collection. Residential mortgages and home equity loans are considered for non-accrual status at 90 days past due and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Company obtains current property appraisals or market value analyses and considers the cost to carry and sell collateral in order to assess the level of specific allocations required. Consumer loans are generally not placed in non-accrual but are charged off by the time they reach 120 days past due. When a loan is placed in non-accrual status, the Company's policy is to reverse the accrued interest against current period income and to discontinue the accrual of interest until the borrower clearly demonstrates the ability and intention to resume normal payments, typically demonstrated by regular timely payments for a period of not less than six months. Interest payments received on non-accrual or impaired loans are generally applied as a reduction of the loan principal balance.

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The Company's non-performing assets decreased $\$ 1,983,622$ or $41.4 \%$ during the first three months of 2016. The improvement in non-performing loans resulted principally from a combination of two loans moving to Other Real Estate Owned and four loan relationships moving from non-accrual to accrual status; one of those relationships accounting for the majority of the improvement. Claims receivable on related government guarantees were $\$ 64,618$ at March 31, 2016 compared to $\$ 200,377$ at December 31, 2015 and $\$ 96,381$ at March 31, 2015, with numerous USDA and SBA claims settled and paid throughout the year. Non-performing loans as of March 31, 2016 carried USDA and SBA guarantees totaling $\$ 685,625$.

The following table reflects the composition of the Company's non-performing assets, by portfolio segment, as a percentage of total non-performing assets as of the dates indicated:

March 31, 2016
December 31, 2015
March 31, 2015
Loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing

| Commercial \& industrial | $\$ 0$ | 0.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 13,556$ | 0.21 | $\%$ | $\$ 0$ | 0.00 | $\%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Commercial real estate | 19,810 | 0.45 | $\%$ | 45,356 | 0.71 | $\%$ | 5,313 | 0.08 | $\%$ |
| Residential real estate - 1st <br> lien | 764,031 | 17.21 | $\%$ | 801,241 | 12.48 | $\%$ | 316,165 | 4.86 | $\%$ |
| $\quad$Residential real estate - Jr <br> lien | 122,183 | 2.75 | $\%$ | 63,031 | 0.98 | $\%$ | 13,375 | 0.21 | $\%$ |
| $\quad$ Consumer | 0 | 0.00 | $\%$ | 0 | 0.00 | $\%$ | 7,580 | 0.12 | $\%$ |
| $\quad$ Total | 906,024 | 20.41 | $\%$ | 923,184 | 14.38 | $\%$ | 342,433 | 5.27 | $\%$ |


| Non-accrual loans (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Commercial \& industrial | 256,456 | 5.78 | $\%$ | 441,103 | 6.87 | $\%$ | 945,226 | 14.53 | $\%$ |
| Commercial real estate | 966,071 | 21.77 | $\%$ | $2,400,757$ | 37.38 | $\%$ | $2,174,472$ | 33.44 | $\%$ |
| Residential real estate - 1st <br> lien | $1,467,171$ | 33.05 | $\%$ | $2,009,079$ | 31.28 | $\%$ | $1,420,371$ | 21.84 | $\%$ |
| Residential real estate - Jr <br> lien | 377,911 | 8.51 | $\%$ | 386,132 | 6.01 | $\%$ | 382,451 | 5.88 | $\%$ |
| $\quad$ Total | $3,067,609$ | 69.11 | $\%$ | $5,237,071$ | 81.54 | $\%$ | $4,922,520$ | 75.69 | $\%$ |
| Other real estate owned | 465,000 | 10.48 | $\%$ | 262,000 | 4.08 | $\%$ | $1,238,320$ | 19.04 | $\%$ |
| $\quad$ Total | $\$ 4,438,633$ | 100.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 6,422,255$ | 100.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 6,503,273$ | 100.00 | $\%$ |

(1) No consumer loans were in non-accrual status as of the consolidated balance sheet dates. In accordance with Company policy, delinquent consumer loans are charged off at 120 days past due.

As of the balance sheet dates, the Company was not contractually committed to lend additional funds to debtors with impaired, non-accrual or modified loans.

The Company's Troubled Debt Restructurings (TDRs) are principally a result of extending loan repayment terms to relieve cash flow difficulties. The Company has only infrequently reduced interest rates for borrowers below the current market rate. The Company has not forgiven principal or reduced accrued interest within the terms of original restructurings. Management evaluates each TDR situation on its own merits and does not foreclose the granting of any particular type of concession.

The non-performing assets in the table above include the following TDRs that were past due 90 days or more or in non-accrual status as of the dates presented:

|  | March 31, 2016 |  | December 31, 2015 |  | March 31, 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of | Principal | Number of | Principal | Number of | Principal |
| Loans | Balance | Loans | Balance | Loans | Balance |  |
| Commercial | 2 | $\$ 204,354$ | 4 | $\$ 298,115$ | 5 | $\$ 265,798$ |

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| Commercial real estate | 2 | 380,436 | 5 | $1,414,380$ | 3 | $1,126,639$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Residential real estate -1 st lien | 11 | 780,330 | 11 | 967,324 | 6 | 463,435 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 1 | 54,081 | 1 | 55,633 | 1 | 47,357 |
| Total | 16 | $\$ 1,419,201$ | 21 | $\$ 2,735,452$ | 15 | $\$ 1,903,229$ |

The remainder of the Company's TDRs were performing in accordance with their modified terms as of the dates presented and consisted of the following:

March 31, 2016 December 31, 2015 March 31, 2015

|  | March 31, 2016 |  | December 31, 2015 |  | March 31, 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of Loans | Principal Balance | Number of Loans | Principal Balance | Number of Loans | Principal <br> Balance |
| Commercial | 2 | \$53,758 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 |
| Commercial real estate | 5 | 1,414,403 | 2 | 429,170 | 1 | 227,865 |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 26 | 2,521,708 | 21 | 1,958,699 | 19 | 1,670,261 |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 2 | 80,048 | 1 | 69,828 | 1 | 70,507 |
| Total | 35 | \$4,069,917 | 24 | \$2,457,697 | 21 | \$1,968,633 |

The Company's OREO portfolio at March 31, 2016 consisted of one residential property and two commercial properties compared to one residential property and one commercial property at December 31, 2015 and four residential properties and one commercial property at March 31, 2015. All properties were acquired through the normal foreclosure process or by deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. The Company took control of a commercial property in February, 2016 and then sold the property in March, 2016, and acquired one residential property which is still held in its OREO portfolio, accounting for an increase of $\$ 203,000$ in its OREO portfolio, to end the first three months of 2016 at $\$ 465,000$.

Allowance for loan losses and provisions - The Company maintains an allowance for loan losses (allowance) at a level that management believes is appropriate to absorb losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the measurement date (See Critical Accounting Policies). Although the Company, in establishing the allowance, considers the inherent losses in individual loans and pools of loans, the allowance is a general reserve available to absorb all credit losses in the loan portfolio. No part of the allowance is segregated to absorb losses from any particular loan or segment of loans.

When establishing the allowance each quarter the Company applies a combination of historical loss factors and qualitative factors to loan segments, including residential first and junior lien mortgages, commercial real estate, commercial \& industrial, and consumer loan portfolios. No changes were made to the allowance methodology during the first three months of 2016. The Company will shorten or lengthen its look back period for determining average portfolio historical loss rates as the economy either contracts or expands; during a period of economic contraction, a shortening of the look back period may more conservatively reflect the current economic climate. The highest loss rates experienced for the look back period are applied to the various segments in establishing the allowance.

The Company applies numerous qualitative factors to each segment of the loan portfolio. Those factors include the levels of and trends in delinquencies and non-accrual loans, criticized and classified assets, volumes and terms of loans, and the impact of any loan policy changes. Experience, ability and depth of lending personnel, levels of policy and documentation exceptions, national and local economic trends, the competitive environment, and concentrations of credit are also factors considered. While unallocated reserves have increased, they are considered by management to be appropriate in light of the Company's continued growth strategy and shift in the portfolio from residential loans to commercial and commercial real estate loans and the risk associated with the relatively new, unseasoned loans in those portfolios.

The adequacy of the allowance is reviewed quarterly by the risk management committee of the Board of Directors and then presented to the full Board of Directors for approval.

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The following table summarizes the Company's loan loss experience for the periods presented:

|  | As of or Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 |  | 2015 |  |
| Loans outstanding, end of period | \$455,048,185 |  | \$452,573,59 |  |
| Average loans outstanding during period | \$454,820,382 |  | \$447,132,87 |  |
| Non-accruing loans, end of period | \$3,067,609 |  | \$4,922,520 |  |
| Non-accruing loans, net of government guarantees | \$2,889,135 |  | \$4,147,131 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Allowance, beginning of period | \$5,011,878 |  | \$4,905,874 |  |
| Loans charged off: |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial \& industrial | (10,836 | ) | (35,059 | ) |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | (312 | ) | (15,874 | ) |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 0 |  | (20,199 | ) |
| Consumer loans | (16,675 | ) | (5,290 | ) |
| Total loans charged off | (27,823 | ) | (76,422 | ) |
| Recoveries: |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial \& industrial | 19,295 |  | 5,607 |  |
| Residential real estate - 1st lien | 312 |  | 6,042 |  |
| Residential real estate - Jr lien | 60 |  | 60 |  |
| Consumer loans | 5,766 |  | 11,888 |  |
| Total recoveries | 25,433 |  | 23,597 |  |
| Net loans charged off | (2,390 | ) | (52,825 | ) |
| Provision charged to income | 100,000 |  | 150,000 |  |
| Allowance, end of period | \$5,109,488 |  | \$5,003,049 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net charge offs to average loans outstanding | 0.001 | \% | 0.012 | \% |
| Provision charged to income as a percent of average loans | 0.022 | \% | 0.034 | \% |
| Allowance to average loans outstanding | 1.123 | \% | 1.119 | \% |
| Allowance to non-accruing loans | 166.563 | \% | 101.636 | \% |
| Allowance to non-accruing loans net of government guarantees | 176.852 | \% | 120.639 | \% |

(1) No commercial real estate charge-offs or recoveries were recorded during the periods presented in the table above.

The Company decreased its provision during the first three months of 2016, resulting in a provision of $\$ 100,000$ for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to $\$ 150,000$ for the same period in 2015, a decrease of $\$ 50,000$ or $33.3 \%$. The decrease in the provision was principally related to the comparatively low level of net loan losses experienced during the quarter. Despite the lower provision, the Company's allowance coverage of non-accruing loans as of the end of the first three months of 2016 reflected a marked increase as a result of the decrease in non-accruing loans. The Company has an experienced collections department that continues to work actively with borrowers to resolve problem loans and manage the OREO portfolio, and management continues to monitor the loan portfolio closely.

Specific allocations to the allowance are made for certain impaired loans. Impaired loans include loans to a borrower that in aggregate are greater than $\$ 100,000$ and that are in non-accrual status or are current year troubled debt restructurings. A loan is considered impaired when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due, including interest and principal, according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The Company

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will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding non-accrual loans and on a case-by-case basis may consider loans below the threshold as impaired when such treatment is material to the financial statements. See Note 5 to the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for information on the recorded investment in impaired loans and their related allocations.

The portion of the allowance termed "unallocated" is established to absorb inherent losses that exist as of the measurement date although not specifically identified through management's process for estimating credit losses. While the allowance is described as consisting of separate allocated portions, the entire allowance is available to support loan losses, regardless of category.

Market Risk - In addition to credit risk in the Company's loan portfolio and liquidity risk in its loan and deposit-taking operations, the Company's business activities also generate market risk. Market risk is the risk of loss in a financial instrument arising from adverse changes in market prices and rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and equity prices. Declining capital markets can result in fair value adjustments necessary to record decreases in the value of the investment portfolio for other-than-temporary-impairment. The Company does not have any market risk sensitive instruments acquired for trading purposes. The Company's market risk arises primarily from interest rate risk inherent in its lending and deposit taking activities. During times of recessionary periods, a declining housing market can result in an increase in loan loss reserves or ultimately an increase in foreclosures. Interest rate risk is directly related to the different maturities and repricing characteristics of interest-bearing assets and liabilities, as well as to loan prepayment risks, early withdrawal of time deposits, and the fact that the speed and magnitude of responses to interest rate changes vary by product. The prolonged weak economy and disruption in the financial markets in recent years may heighten the Company's market risk. As discussed above under "Interest Rate Risk and Asset and Liability Management", the Company actively monitors and manages its interest rate risk through the ALCO process.

## COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit and risk-sharing commitments on certain sold loans. Such instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the balance sheet. The contract or notional amounts of those instruments reflect the extent of involvement the Company has in particular classes of financial instruments. During the first three months of 2016, the Company did not engage in any activity that created any additional types of off-balance sheet risk.

The Company generally requires collateral or other security to support financial instruments with credit risk. The Company's financial instruments whose contract amount represents credit risk were as follows:

|  | Contract or Notional Amount |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2016 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \\ 2015 \end{gathered}$ |
| Unused portions of home equity lines of credit | \$26,774,627 | \$25,074,972 |
| Residential construction lines of credit | 2,298,764 | 3,658,037 |
| Commercial real estate and other construction lines of credit | 15,640,870 | 15,586,595 |
| Commercial and industrial lines of credit | 38,095,398 | 46,197,882 |
| Other commitments to extend credit | 33,088,331 | 19,991,513 |
| Standby letters of credit and commercial letters of credit | 1,709,059 | 1,859,059 |
| Recourse on sale of credit card portfolio | 268,055 | 262,625 |
| MPF credit enhancement obligation, net of liability recorded | 710,414 | 1,051,601 |

Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

In connection with its 2007 trust preferred securities financing, the Company guaranteed the payment obligations under the $\$ 12,500,000$ of capital securities of its subsidiary, CMTV Statutory Trust I. The source of funds for payments by the Trust on its capital securities is payments made by the Company on its debentures issued to the

Trust. The Company's obligation under those debentures is fully reflected in the Company's balance sheet, in the gross amount of $\$ 12,887,000$ for each of the comparison periods, of which $\$ 12,500,000$ represents external financing through the issuance to investors of capital securities by CMTV Statutory Trust I.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Managing liquidity risk is essential to maintaining both depositor confidence and stability in earnings. Liquidity management refers to the ability of the Company to adequately cover fluctuations in assets and liabilities. Meeting loan demand (assets) and covering the withdrawal of deposit funds (liabilities) are two key components of the liquidity management process. The Company's principal sources of funds are deposits, amortization and prepayment of loans and securities, maturities of investment securities, sales of loans available-for-sale, and earnings and funds provided from operations. Maintaining a relatively stable funding base, which is achieved by diversifying funding sources, competitively pricing deposit products, and extending the contractual maturity of liabilities, reduces the Company's exposure to roll over risk on deposits and limits reliance on volatile short-term borrowed funds. Short-term funding needs arise from declines in deposits or other funding sources and from funding requirements for loan commitments. The Company's strategy is to fund assets to the maximum extent possible with core deposits that provide a sizable source of relatively stable and low-cost funds.

The Company recognizes that, at times, when loan demand exceeds deposit growth or the Company has other liquidity demands, it may be desirable to utilize alternative sources of deposit funding to augment retail deposits and borrowings. One-way deposits purchased through the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) program provide an alternative funding source when needed. Such deposits are generally considered a form of brokered deposits. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had one way CDARS outstanding totaling $\$ 457,115$ and $4,164,471$, respectively, compared to no one way CDARS at March 31, 2015. In addition, two-way CDARS deposits allow the Company to provide Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) deposit insurance to its customers in excess of account coverage limits by exchanging deposits with other CDARS members. At March 31, 2016, the Company reported $\$ 2,779,540$ in two-way CDARS deposits representing exchanged deposits with other CDARS participating banks, compared to $\$ 2,777,775$ at December 31, 2015 and $\$ 1,168,037$ at March 31, 2015. The balance in insured cash sweep (ICS) reciprocal money market deposits was $\$ 12,157,457$ at March 31, 2016, compared to \$12,054,406 at December 31, 2015 and $\$ 14,949,937$ at March 31, 2015, and the balance in ICS demand deposits was $\$ 5,217,665, \$ 8,637,935$ and $\$ 2,616,665$, respectively.

At March 31, 2016, December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2015, borrowing capacity of approximately $\$ 70,329,222$, $\$ 72,091,633$ and $\$ 65,626,529$, respectively, was available through the FHLBB, secured by the Company's qualifying loan portfolio (generally, residential mortgage loans), reduced by outstanding advances and by collateral pledges securing FHLBB letters of credit collateralizing public unit deposits. The Company also has an unsecured Federal Funds credit line with the FHLBB with an available balance of $\$ 500,000$ and no outstanding advances during any of the respective comparison periods. Interest is chargeable at a rate determined daily, approximately 25 basis points higher than the rate paid on federal funds sold.

The following table reflects the Company's outstanding FHLBB advances against the respective lines as of the dates indicated:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March 31, } \\ & 2016 \end{aligned}$ | December <br> 31, <br> 2015 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March 31, } \\ & 2015 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Long-Term Advances |  |  |  |
| FHLBB term advance, 0.00\%, due February 26, 2021 (1) | \$350,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Short-Term Advances |  |  |  |
| FHLBB term advances, $0.51 \%, 0.48 \%$ and $0.24 \%$ fixed rate, due May 24, 2016, February 26, 2016 and May 29, 2015, respectively | 5,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |
| FHLBB term advances, $0.57 \%$ and $0.26 \%$ fixed rate, due June 29, 2016 and June 26, 2015, respectively | 5,000,000 | 0 | 5,000,000 |
|  | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 15,000,000 |
| Total Advances | \$ 10,350,000 | \$10,000,000 | \$15,000,000 |

(1) The Company borrowed $\$ 350,000$ under the FHLBB's Jobs for New England (JNE) program, a program dedicated to supporting job growth and economic development throughout New England. The FHLBB is providing a subsidy, funded by the FHLBB's earnings, to write down interest rates to zero percent on advances that finance qualifying loans to small businesses. JNE advances must support small business in New England that create and/or retain jobs, or otherwise contribute to overall economic development activities.

The Company has a Borrower-in-Custody (BIC) arrangement with the FRBB secured by eligible commercial loans, commercial real estate loans and home equity loans, resulting in an available credit line of $\$ 70,424,270, \$ 72,345,479$, and $\$ 82,862,518$, respectively, at March 31, 2016, December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2015. Credit advances in this

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FRBB lending program are overnight advances with interest chargeable at the primary credit rate (generally referred to as the discount rate), currently 75 basis points. The Company had no outstanding advances against this credit line during any of the periods presented.

The Company has unsecured credit lines with two of its correspondent banks with available lines of $\$ 7,500,000$ as of the Balance Sheet dates presented. There were no outstanding advances against either of these lines during any of the respective comparison periods.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase provide another funding source for the Company. At March 31, 2016, December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2015, the Company had outstanding repurchase agreement balances of $\$ 25,149,039, \$ 22,073,238$ and $\$ 28,229,636$, respectively, as of such dates. These repurchase agreements mature and are repriced daily.

The following table illustrates the changes in shareholders' equity from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016:

| Balance at December 31, 2015 (book value $\$ 9.79$ per common share) | $\$ 51,414,656$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Net income | $1,169,494$ |
| Issuance of stock through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan | 219,241 |
| Dividends declared on common stock | $(799,182$ ) |
| Dividends declared on preferred stock | $(21,875$ |
| Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities during the period, net of tax | 221,022 |
| Balance at March 31, 2016 (book value $\$ 9.92$ per common share) | $\$ 52,203,356$ |

The primary objective of the Company's capital planning process is to balance appropriately the retention of capital to support operations and future growth, with the goal of providing shareholders an attractive return on their investment. To that end, management monitors capital retention and dividend policies on an ongoing basis.

As described in more detail in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K in Note 20 to the audited consolidated financial statements contained therein and under the caption "LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES" in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of such report, the Company (on a consolidated basis) and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies pursuant to which they must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items. Capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

As of March 31, 2016, the Bank was considered well capitalized under the regulatory capital framework for Prompt Corrective Action and the Company exceeded all applicable consolidated regulatory capital guidelines.

The following table shows the Company's actual capital ratios and those of its subsidiary, as well as applicable regulatory capital requirements, as of the dates indicated.


March 31, 2016
Common equity tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)

| Company | $\$ 53,128$ | 12.63 | $\%$ | $\$ 18,928$ | 4.50 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)

| Company | $\$ 53,128$ | 12.63 | $\%$ | $\$ 25,238$ | 6.00 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)

| Company | $\$ 58,281$ | 13.86 | $\%$ | $\$ 33,650$ | 8.00 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bank | $\$ 57,746$ | 13.74 | $\%$ | $\$ 33,614$ | 8.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 42,018$ | 10.00 | $\%$ |

Tier 1 capital (to average assets)
$\left.\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { Company } & \$ 53,128 & 9.27 & \% & \$ 22,929 & 4.00 & \% & \text { N/A } & \text { N/A } \\ \text { Bank } & \$ 52,593 & 9.18 & \% & \$ 22,910 & 4.00 & \% & \$ 28,637 & 5.00\end{array}\right) \%$

December 31, 2015:

| Common equity tier 1 capital <br> (to risk-weighted assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Company | $\$ 52,555$ | 12.38 | $\%$ | $\$ 19,100$ | 4.50 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |  |
| Bank | $\$ 52,000$ | 12.27 | $\%$ | $\$ 19,072$ | 4.50 | $\%$ | $\$ 27,549$ | 6.50 | $\%$ |


| Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted <br> assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\quad$ Company | $\$ 52,555$ | 12.38 | $\%$ | $\$ 25,467$ | 6.00 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |  |
| Bank | $\$ 52,000$ | 12.27 | $\%$ | $\$ 25,430$ | 6.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 33,906$ | 8.00 | $\%$ |


| Total capital (to risk-weighted <br> assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\quad$ Company | $\$ 57,610$ | 13.57 | $\%$ | $\$ 33,956$ | 8.00 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |  |
| Bank | $\$ 57,056$ | 13.46 | $\%$ | $\$ 33,906$ | 8.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 42,383$ | 10.00 | $\%$ |


| Tier 1 capital (to average <br> assets) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\quad$ Company | $\$ 52,555$ | 9.01 | $\%$ | $\$ 23,324$ | 4.00 | $\%$ | N/A | N/A |  |
| Bank | $\$ 52,000$ | 8.93 | $\%$ | $\$ 23,301$ | 4.00 | $\%$ | $\$ 29,126$ | 5.00 | $\%$ |

(1) Applicable to banks, but not bank holding companies.

The table above includes the Basel III regulatory capital ratio requirements that became effective on January 1, 2015. Beginning in 2016, an additional capital conservation buffer has been added to the minimum requirements for capital adequacy purposes, subject to a three year phase-in period. The capital conservation buffer will be fully phased-in on January 1, 2019 at 2.5 percent. A banking organization with a conservation buffer of less than 2.5 percent (or the required phase-in amount in years prior to 2019) will be subject to limitations on capital distributions, including dividend payments and certain discretionary bonus payments to executive officers. As of March 31, 2016, on a pro forma basis both the Company and the Bank would be compliant with the fully phased-in capital conservation buffer requirement.

The Company's ability to pay dividends to its shareholders is largely dependent on the Bank's ability to pay dividends to the Company. In general, a national bank may not pay dividends that exceed net income for the current and preceding two years regardless of statutory restrictions, as a matter of regulatory policy, banks and bank holding companies should pay dividends only out of current earnings and only if, after paying such dividends, they remain adequately capitalized.

## ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company's management of the credit, liquidity and market risk inherent in its business operations is discussed in Part 1, Item 2 of this report under the captions "CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION", "COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ARRANGEMENTS" and "LIQUIDITY \& CAPITAL RESOURCES", which are incorporated herein by reference. Management does not believe that there have been any material changes in the nature or categories of the Company's risk exposures from those disclosed in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures
Disclosure Controls and Procedures
Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). As of March 31, 2016, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, management concluded that its disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2016 were effective in ensuring that material information required to be disclosed in the reports it files with the Commission under the Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported on a timely basis.

For this purpose, the term "disclosure controls and procedures" means controls and other procedures of the Company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by it in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

## Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings
In the normal course of business, the Company and its subsidiary are involved in litigation that is considered incidental to their business. Management does not expect that any such litigation will be material to the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
There were no purchases of the Company's common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2016, by the Company or by any affiliated purchaser (as defined in SEC Rule 10b-18).

ITEM 6. Exhibits
The following exhibits are filed with this report:
Exhibit 31.1 - Certification from the Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) of the Company pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
Exhibit 31.2 - Certification from the Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer) of the Company pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
Exhibit 32.1 - Certification from the Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) of the Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C., Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
Exhibit 32.2 - Certification from the Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer) of the Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C., Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
Exhibit 101--The following materials from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the unaudited consolidated balance sheets, (ii) the unaudited consolidated statements of income for the three month interim periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, (iii) the unaudited consolidated statements of comprehensive income, (iv) the unaudited consolidated statements of cash flows and (v) related notes.

* This exhibit shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.


## 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.

## COMMUNITY BANCORP.

DATED: May 13, 2016

DATED: May 13, 2016
/s/ Stephen P.
Marsh
Stephen P. Marsh, Board Chair
\& Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Louise M.
Bonvechio
Louise M. Bonvechio, Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

