



**First Commons Bank Celebrates Grand Opening of Wellesley Branch Office;
Receives Official Citations from State Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch**

Wellesley, Mass. — September 16, 2011 — The directors and management of First Commons Bank, along with officials from the Town of Wellesley, Mass., and the Wellesley Chamber of Commerce, joined to officially celebrate the opening of the bank's second branch office at 161 Linden Street in Linden Square, Wellesley, Mass. on Wednesday. The Newton-based bank began operations on July 22, 2009, and serves businesses and individuals in Newton, Wellesley, Waltham, and eastern Massachusetts.

State Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch presented official citations from the Massachusetts Senate and from the Massachusetts House of Representatives to Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President and CEO, congratulating the bank on its second branch and wishing the bank continued success.

In addition to Peisch, those participating in the festivities included Wellesley Chamber President and CEO Maura M. O'Brien, Wellesley Selectmen Owen Dugan and Terri Tsagaris, Wellesley Fire Chief Rick Delorie, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Peterson, and Wellesley Police Department Lieutenants Marie Cleary and Jack Pilecki.

"This week we are celebrating our second new branch and the bank's second anniversary of operations," said Nuzzo. "Here in Wellesley, as we have done in Newton, we will strive to become long-term financial partners with our clients while offering best-in-class customer service; easy access to funds; and fast, logical loan decisions."

Nuzzo introduced Debby Chui, Vice President and Branch Manager in Wellesley, and Brian Mann, Assistant Branch Manager. "Together, the team has 33 years of banking experience and extensive knowledge of the local community that includes more than 20 years in the town of Wellesley," he said.

Operating hours for the new office will be Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 to 5:00; Thursday and Friday, 8:30 to 6:00; and Saturday, 8:30 to 2:00. The bank's phone number is 617-243-4400 and the Web address is <http://www.firstcommonsbank.com>.

About First Commons Bank

First Commons Bank, N.A., is a new, nationally chartered, FDIC-insured full-service community bank, dedicated to serving the businesses and individuals of Newton, Wellesley, Waltham, and eastern Massachusetts. The bank, which opened for business in 2009, reports total assets of more than \$136 million, making it larger than 45% of all FDIC-insured banks in the U.S.

First Commons Bank provides clients with superior, personalized service and the highest-quality banking through its onsite management team, experienced staff members, unique and welcoming branch environment, and advanced banking technologies. Of note: Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President, and CEO, was named Financial Services Executive of the Year in the prestigious 2010 American Business Awards.

First Commons Bank (<http://www.firstcommonsbank.com>) is headquartered at 718 Beacon Street in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

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Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011 — Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President and CEO of First Commons Bank, cuts the ribbon to mark the grand opening the bank's branch office in Wellesley, Mass.



Wednesday, Sept. 14' 2011 – Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President and CEO of First Commons Bank receives an official citation from State Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch at the grand opening of the bank's branch office in Wellesley, Mass. The citation congratulated the bank on its second branch and wished the bank continued success.