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First Commons Bank Honored with Wellesley Chamber of Commerce Business Award

NEWTON, MASS. — March 1, 2012 — First Commons Bank, N.A., a new full-service community bank with branches in Wellesley and Newton, was honored last night in the 10th Annual Wellesley Chamber Business Awards as "New Member of the Year."

Presented by the Wellesley Chamber of Commerce, the New Member of the Year Award is given annually by the Chamber to the new member business that has distinguished itself by its support for Chamber programs that benefit all member businesses.

First Commons Bank serves businesses and individuals in Newton, Wellesley, Waltham, and eastern Massachusetts. The bank, which opened for business in Newton in 2009, opened its second location in September, 2011, at 161 Linden Street in Linden Square in Wellesley. In terms of assets, the new bank is in the top half of more than 7,300 FDIC-insured banks nationally after only 2½ years of operation.

"First Commons Bank was recognized for its community focus. First Commons Bank, which joined the Wellesley Chamber in June of 2011, committed to act as Lead Sponsor of the Chamber's inaugural Race Wellesley First 5k/10k Challenge and was actively involved in planning this very successful event. The Bank also committed to renew that sponsorship at the 2012 event this September," said Wellesley Chamber President & CEO Maura M. O'Brien.

"In addition, Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President and CEO of First Commons Bank, has agreed to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors. The level of support and participation demonstrated by First Commons Bank contributed significantly to the Chamber's mission of supporting all member businesses," O'Brien said.

Massachusetts State Senator Richard Ross presented citations to Nuzzo for First Commons Bank from the Massachusetts State Senate and the State House of Representatives. The citations recognized the Bank on its positive contributions to the business community and wishing the bank continued success.

In accepting the Chamber Award from incoming Wellesley Chamber Board Chairman John McConchie, and the citations from Senator Ross, Nuzzo said, "We are happy to help contribute to the vibrancy of Wellesley through the activities of the Chamber and we are honored to receive this award. On a personal note, as a resident of Wellesley, I am very pleased that First Commons Bank, as a new bank in town, has demonstrated strong support of the community and strong growth."

The presentation was made as part of the 10th Annual Wellesley Chamber Business Awards dinner, February 29th, at the Wellesley College Club. The event hosted Wellesley business leaders.

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 \$168 million, making it larger than 52% 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, a 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 locations include its headquarters at 718 Beacon St. in Newton Centre, Mass., and 161 Linden St., Linden Square, in Wellesley, Mass.

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