



First Commons Bank Wins #1, Gold Regional Community Bank Awards in Readers Choice Competition

WELLESLEY, MASS. — June 26, 2013 — First Commons Bank has been named the “#1 Community Bank” in Newton, and the “Gold Regional Favorite Community Bank” in Newton/Needham/Wellesley, in the 2013 Wicked Local Readers Choice Awards.

More than 400,000 votes were cast in the 2013 competition to honor the “Best in Town/The Best Around” choices in a variety of product and service categories, according to GateHouse Media New England, which sponsors the program through its Wicked Local hyper-local community websites. The competitive readers’ poll is designed to reward those people, businesses and establishments that make a town a great place to live.

“We are especially honored by these awards — #1 Community Bank and Regional Gold Community Bank — in that they were bestowed by the neighbors and clients we know and see daily. The awards demonstrate that we deliver Common Sense Banking and are the antithesis of the big banks,” said Tony Nuzzo, Chairman, President and CEO of First Commons Bank.

About First Commons Bank

First Commons Bank, N.A., is a 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 on July 22, 2009, reported total assets of \$222,527,000 as of March 31, 2013 – after only 44 months of operation and making it larger than 59 percent 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 Square, in Wellesley, Mass.

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