

Bar Harbor Bankshares and Lake Sunapee Bank Group Merge

Local branches will still use Lake Sunapee Bank name

Press release

Bar Harbor Bankshares (NYSE MKT: BHB) (or “Bar Harbor”), the holding company for Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, has successfully completed its merger with Lake Sunapee Bank Group (or “Lake Sunapee”), the holding company for Lake Sunapee Bank. The company is now the only community bank headquartered in Northern New England with a market footprint in all three Northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

“The merger creates value for shareholders, customers and employees by creating efficiencies and strategic growth opportunities, allowing the combined organization to draw on various customer service, product, and technological strengths. The very compatible cultures of the two companies make the partnership a natural fit,” said Curtis C. Simard, President and CEO of Bar Harbor Bankshares. “The combined institution brings significant lending capacity and growing product development yet will remain focused on its responsibility to be an active participant in, and advocate for, community growth and prosperity.”

As a division of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Lake Sunapee Bank branches will continue to operate under the Lake Sunapee Bank name and William J. McIver, former Chief Operating Officer of Lake Sunapee, will continue with the combined company as Executive Vice President – Regional President, New Hampshire and Vermont Markets. Lake Sunapee Bank’s subsidiaries, McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance and Charter Trust Company will operate as subsidiaries of Bar Harbor Bank &

Trust. Lake Sunapee directors Steven H. Dimick, Stephen W. Ensign and Stephen R. Theroux have been appointed to Bar Harbor’s board of directors.

“This historic partnership is a milestone for community banking in Northern New England. Both companies are enthusiastic to continue as a combined organization and to build on the reputations previously developed, sharing a focus on community involvement and outstanding customer service,” said Simard.

Approved by shareholders in October 2016, Bar Harbor’s acquisition of Lake Sunapee grows the company to over \$3 billion in assets, making it one of the largest community banks in Northern New England, with 49 branch locations across the three states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Sandler O’Neill & Partners, L.P. served as the financial advisor to Bar Harbor, and Griffin Financial Group LLC served as the financial advisor to Lake Sunapee. K&L Gates LLP served as outside counsel to Bar Harbor, while Hogan Lovells US LLP served as outside counsel to Lake Sunapee.

About Bar Harbor Bankshares
Bar Harbor Bankshares (NYSE MKT: BHB) is the parent of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Founded in 1887, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is a true community bank serving the financial needs of its clients for over 125 years. Bar Harbor provides a full range of financial services through its 49 branch locations in all three Northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Bar Harbor offers easy-to-understand deposit and loan products for families, businesses, and non-profit organizations. For more information, visit bhbt.com.

The Flying Monkey Presents: A Classic 70s Retrospective

February 25 at 7:30 PM

The performance features Jonathan Edwards, along with Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett of Little Feat on Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 PM. Tickets for this concert are \$35 and \$45 for premier seating.

A 70’s folk rock summit arrives in Plymouth as singer-songwriter Jonathan Edwards joins forces with Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett, multi instrumentalists and vocalists of the legendary rock band Little Feat for a night of jangly acoustic guitars and beloved FM classics.

Veteran folk-rocker Jonathan Edwards burst on the music scene 40 years ago with the mega-hit “Sunshine,” and has since forged a healthy troubadour career based around his undeniable melodic gifts and a generously vibrant per-

formance style.

As longtime fixtures of the beloved Southern rock band Little Feat, guitarists Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett left a permanent imprint on 70s music. Ever since the first time they played together on the iconic 70s record Dixie Chicken, over 35 years ago, Barrere and Tackett have forged an uncanny musical kinship and chemistry. With Little Feat, Barrere plays slide guitar and sings lead and background vocals, while Tackett plays guitar, mandolin and trumpet.

Expect an evening of familiar song that will have the audience singing along, peppered with stories from their storied careers that will have the audience laughing and cheering.

For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 603-536-2551 or go online at FlyingMonkeyNH.com.

Congregational Church News, February 2017

Sandy Miller, Andover Congregational Church

We’re welcoming 2017 and pray that this will be a good year for all of you. We’re looking forward to a busy, spirit-filled year at the Church. The Lenten season will soon be upon us (Ash Wednesday, March 1st). We recently welcomed six new members into our Church: Arthur Tobin, Allison Barry, Donna Dumont, Meredith Grover, and Jim and Carol Tuerk. We look forward to growing together in Christ.

The Church has recently decided to make a commitment to the Twin Rivers Food Pantry in Franklin. A group of people will be volunteering on Tuesday mornings on a once a month basis. Linda McGrail is the contact person (934-3896) if you would like to help out. It is our goal to bring the presence of the

Kingdom to people in the area by acts of kindness and Christian love.

The Church’s annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, following Church service and refreshments. All members are expected to attend and visitors are welcome to attend as well. We will be accepting reports of committees for 2016, nominating members for positions within the Church for 2017, and adopting a budget for 2017.

Always feel free to call the Church office (735-5160) to speak with Pastor John Wagner for more information on what’s going on at the Church or if you need help in any way.

Thought for the day: “Spend more of your time, energy, and resources investing in people than you do investing in yourself.”

South Danbury Church Speaker Series, February 2017

First meeting Friday, February 10

Press release

The South Danbury Christian Church Speaker Series continues on Friday, February 10, at 7 PM. Jim Heavey, Master Builder for the South Danbury Church Preservation Project, has thoroughly studied the church site and examined the church from top to bottom, including several days in the crawl space investigating the foundations and floor framing.

He will share his experiences and discoveries, and explain his recommendations and architectural plans. Jim has the gift of reading buildings like a book, and an engaging way of helping others to see and understand what historic buildings need and want.

The next Speaker Series program will be on Friday, February 24, at 7 PM. Watch for posters on local bulletin boards, visit the Friends of Danbury Facebook page, call 603-491-3196, or send an e-mail message to SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com for more information.

The church preservation project is supported by a matching grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP). The church is halfway to its fundraising goal, but still has to raise \$40,000 to receive the full \$80,000 LCHIP grant. Tax-deductible contributions can be made at church events or mailed to the South Danbury Church Preservation Project, 1411 U.S. Route 4, Danbury, New Hampshire 03230.

Wilmot Farmer’s Market Planning for Next Season

Always looking for unique products

Press release

With the holidays over, the cold snowy days of January are time for rest and rejuvenation. Well not really! At least not for the Wilmot Farmer’s Market board members who find themselves in busy planning mode for the 2017 Wilmot Market season. It is time to take stock of last year’s successes and challenges and “beet” feet to “lettuce” get prepared for the upcoming season. If you “carrot” all about vending at the Wilmot market, go to wilmotfarmersmarket.com for the application and guidelines.

Bringing a shopping center to the Wilmot Green every Saturday from the last week in June through all of September involves careful planning in the off season. While the board is fine tuning

applications, balancing budgets, obtaining sponsors and lining up musicians, the vendors are hard at work as well. There are seed catalogs to peruse; orders to submit; seedlings to start; product inventory to build and marketing plans to finalize. So, while the bandstand appears quiet and blanketed with white, plans are underway for opening day and all those Saturday shopping days that follow.

The Wilmot Market Board anticipates the return of most of last season’s vendors. To create a diverse market, the board is always on the lookout for unique products and more farms, especially those with produce. Prospective vendors may apply to attend one or all 15 of this season’s market. For market questions, feel free to contact market board chairman, Margaret Hoyle at socks.hoyle@gmail.com or 744-2244.