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Newtown Savings Bank Elects Five New Corporators

NEWTOWN, CT – Newtown Savings Bank elects five new corporators at its annual meeting held at the Waterview in Monroe on Tuesday, April 28.

Earl Gillette

Earl Gillette is a retired airline captain and lifelong Woodbury resident with deep family roots in the community dating back to the early 1800s. He continues his longstanding commitment to public service as a member of the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department since 1977 and as an EMT with the Woodbury Ambulance Association since 1980. Gillette also serves on the Woodbury Inland Wetlands Commission. He resides in Woodbury with his wife, Cynthia, and their two daughters, Katherine and Margaret.

William J. McCarthy

William J. “Bill” McCarthy recently retired from Newtown Savings Bank after more than 25 years of dedicated service. He joined the Bank as a Senior Financial Analyst and advanced through the Finance Department to serve as Chief Financial Officer beginning in 2006. In this role, McCarthy was a member of the Executive Committee and chaired the Bank’s Asset Liability Management Committee for many years. He holds a degree in Economics from Fairfield University and an MBA with a concentration in Finance from Sacred Heart University.

McCarthy remains actively engaged in his community as a Lay Member of the Corporation for St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown. A passionate UConn basketball fan, he also enjoys running and competing in triathlons. McCarthy and his wife, Margaret, have two children, Tim and Ally.

Kate O’Connor

Kate O’Connor is an accomplished, award-winning corporate communications and public relations professional with more than 30 years of experience leading high-impact programs and teams. As founder of Five Oaks Public Relations, she provides strategic counsel and hands-on support to biotech clients, drawing on deep industry expertise and an ability to translate high-level strategy into effective execution. Prior to launching her firm in 2017, O’Connor spent two decades in roles of increasing responsibility at two major pharmaceutical companies, culminating as Head of U.S. Communications for a leading global organization.

O’Connor holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Colgate University and remains actively engaged in her community through volunteer work with local charitable organizations. She enjoys spending time with her family.

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P.J. Prunty currently serves as Director of Development for Bright Ravens Development, a Danbury-based real estate firm focused on revitalization and transformative projects across the region. A native of the Greater Danbury area, Prunty brings experience in economic development and community-centric growth initiatives. He previously served as President and CEO of the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce, working closely with business leaders, financial institutions, and municipal officials to advance regional economic growth.

Earlier in his career, Prunty led downtown revitalization efforts as Executive Director of CityCenter Danbury and worked in the office of Mayor Mark Boughton at Danbury City Hall. His career has focused on strengthening communities and fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors. Prunty resides in Newtown, Connecticut with his wife, Kara, and their three sons.

William E. Purcell

William E. "Bill" Purcell has served as President of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce since 2000, bringing his enthusiasm and professionalism to strengthen the region's business community. A native of Massachusetts, Purcell leads the Chamber in supporting the economic vitality of Shelton, Derby, Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Seymour, and Oxford, helping position it as a premier voluntary business association. Prior to relocating to Connecticut, he was Executive Vice President of the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce, where he developed expertise in association management, economic development, and business advocacy.

Purcell holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Public Administration from Worcester State University and an MBA from Babson College. He earned both the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) and Certified Association Executive (CAE) designations and has held leadership roles in organizations including the Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, the Valley United Way, the Boys and Girls Club, and ACT/Spooner House. Purcell resides in Woodbridge, Connecticut with his wife, Mary Jane, and their son, Brendan.

About Newtown Savings Bank

Newtown Savings Bank is a community bank headquartered in Newtown, Connecticut, with over \$1.8 billion in assets. The Bank has been deeply committed to its customers and the community since 1855. It has 15 branches located in Newtown, Bethel, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Danbury, Monroe, Oxford, Shelton, Southbury, Trumbull, and Woodbury, along with the New Haven Regional Lending Center in Hamden, CT. For more information and location details visit NSBonline.com or call 800.461.0672. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.