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Newtown Savings Bank Has Two New Leaders in Banking Award Winners

NEWTOWN, CT – Newtown Savings Bank proudly congratulates Katie Smith, Assistant Vice President/Regional Experience Manager and Whit Holden, Vice President/Small Business Lending Sales Leader, for being recognized as "New Leaders in Banking" by the Connecticut Bankers Association and Connecticut Magazine. Each year the Connecticut Banker's Association asks member banks to nominate individuals that they believe are outstanding employees who make a notable impact on their bank and in the community. The CBA receives dozens of nominations, which are vetted by an independent panel of judges, none of whom are active bankers.

Ms. Smith started her banking career with Newtown Savings Bank as a teller in 2002, and has taken on positions of increasing responsibility, eventually becoming the Branch Manager of both the Dolan Plaza and Stony Hill Offices in Bethel before her recent promotion to Assistant Vice President/Regional Experience Manager. She currently serves as President of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, and will be graduating from the Connecticut School of Finance and Management in April.

Mr. Holden has twenty years of banking experience and joined the Bank in 2015. As Vice President and Small Business Lending Sales Leader, Mr. Holden serves the financing needs of the Bank's small business customers. He is also the Bank's resident expert in US Small Business Administration lending. Mr. Holden regularly partners with local Chambers of Commerce and the local SBA SCORE chapters to deliver financial education seminars to small business owners and individuals considering starting their own businesses. He is also actively involved with the McGivney Community Center based in Bridgeport serving as a Board member for the past six years, and is currently the Treasurer.

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