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Wright Builders begins construction on 3,150 s/f bank

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According to Florence Savings Bank, a mutually-owned savings bank serving the Pioneer Valley through 9 branch locations, construction has begun for a new branch location at 377 Russell St. When completed, this new 3,150 s/f branch will replace the bank's current Hadley location at 335 Russell St. Present plans call for a fall completion date and opening.

Officials from the bank, the town of Hadley, and the architectural/construction teams celebrated the official start of the construction at a groundbreaking ceremony. Florence Savings Bank was represented by John Heaps, Jr., president/CEO; Sharon Rogalski, senior vice president/senior retail executive; Toby Daniels, vice president/Hadley branch manager; Monica Curhan, senior vice president/marketing director; Joseph Traczynski, senior vice president/senior lending executive; Kevin Day, senior vice president/chief financial officer; Diane Gould, senior vice president/HR/strategic planning/project management director; and Mark Cavanaugh, vice president/facilities director. They were joined by several of the bank's board of directors including David Alvord, John Ebbetts, and chairman Robert Borawski.

Hadley planning board members William Dwyer and Joseph Zgrodnik were also on hand for the ceremony, as were representatives of the architectural and construction teams selected for the project.

Wright Builders, Inc., and HAI Architecture are the firms working on the design and construction of the new branch. The companies were represented by Joseph McDiarmid, owner, North-East sites; Richard Katsanos, president/CEO HAI Architects; and Amy Lewis and Karen Soucie, from HAI Architects. Additionally, Attorney Peter MacConnell, Bacon Wilson/PC Monsein & MacConnell; and Jonathan Wright, president, Wright Builders, participated in the ceremony.

Toby Daniels, vice president and current branch manager of the Hadley Branch, will continue in that role in the new location. Hadley customers will be able to use the existing branch until the new construction and relocation are completed later this year.

Heaps, Jr. said, "We are all very excited about this new location and upgrade. Hadley is a very important part of our market, and we look forward to bringing this new, dynamic, state-of-the-art facility to the town."

Shown (from left) are: Amy Lewis, HAI Architects; Jonathan Wright, president/Wright Builders; Rick Katsanos, president/HAI Architects; John Heaps, Jr., president/Florence Savings Bank; Robert Borawski, chairman/Florence Savings Bank; Toby Daniels, vice president, marketing director/Florence Savings Bank; Sharon Rogalski, senior vice president, senior retail executive/Florence Savings Bank; and Karen Soucie, HAI Architects.