

Biddeford Savings Bank, Biddeford, Maine and Mechanics Savings Bank, Auburn, Maine to Jointly Form Maine Community Bancorp MHC

On February 4, 2015, Biddeford Savings Bank (“Biddeford”), Biddeford, Maine, and Mechanics Savings Bank (“Mechanics”), Auburn, Maine, entered into an agreement to jointly form Maine Community Bancorp MHC (“Maine Community”), which will own both banks while the banks continue to operate separately. Once finalized, this transaction will mark the first time that two mutual banks will have jointly created a multi-bank mutual holding company and Maine Community will be the first multi-bank mutual holding company in Maine history.

Under the terms of the combination agreement, Maine Community will draw equally from each bank’s board and management team and the chief executive officers of both banks will serve as co-CEOs of the holding company, while each bank’s board of directors and senior management will continue to oversee the operations of their respective banks. Combining resources under a common mutual holding company will better position each bank to serve its customers and community with significantly greater lending capacity, leading edge products and services, and will preserve each bank as a financially sound and independent institution in the face of ongoing economic and regulatory challenges.

Luse Gorman represented both Biddeford and Mechanics in this transaction, in conjunction with local counsel. The Luse Gorman team was led by John Gorman and Kent Krudys (Corporate/M&A), and included Victor Cangelosi and Megan McKinney (Corporate/M&A), as well as Beverly White (Executive Compensation).

Mechanics has approximately \$370 million in total assets and operates 4 offices, in Auburn, Lewiston, Windham and Brunswick, Maine.

Biddeford has approximately \$382 million in total assets and operates 6 offices, in Biddeford, Waterboro, Scarborough and Kennebunk, Maine.