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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$20,000 TO BELLINGHAM PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

Franklin, MA – Debra Kasper, President of the Bellingham Playground Association is pleased to accept a donation of \$20,000 from Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation Executive Director, Thomas R. Venables to the Bellingham Playground Association's new Toddler section. The playground, to be located at Silver Lake Park on Cross Street, will feature an area enclosed by fencing to keep smaller children safely contained. Ground-breaking is planned to begin in October.

According to Thomas Venables, Chairman of the Board of Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, "We are thrilled to help out such a valuable project. We feel that the efforts of the Bellingham Playground Association are a tremendous asset to the community. The Foundation promotes education, health, human services and community development and provides funding support to charitable causes and community development activities."

The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, founded in 2005, serves the communities of Bellingham, Blackstone, Foxboro, Franklin, Hopedale, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millis, Newton, Norfolk, Waltham and Wrentham. For information about the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, please contact Mariane E. Broadhurst at (508) 520-8003 or by email at: mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com.

Pictured L/R: BPA President Debra Kasper, Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation Director Robin Ewing, Benjamin Franklin Bank President and Charitable Foundation Executive Director Thomas R. Venables, BPA Officer Robert Biagi; and playground equipment "testers" Joseph, Michael and Timothy Kasper.