

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK OPENS NEW WATERTOWN BRANCH WITH “SPEED”

Franklin – Benjamin Franklin Bank introduced its newest branch at 430 Main Street in Watertown with a two-day Grand Opening celebration. On September 27 and October 2 more than 150 Ben customers and residents from

Watertown and surrounding communities attended a reception and open house which introduced Ben’s new motto – “Banking at the Speed of Life” and its’ mascot, a cheetah named “SPEED” (Secure Products, Easy Effective Delivery). Attendees were thrilled to receive a small stuffed cheetah wearing a Ben logo shirt and two lucky raffle participants won life-sized plush cheetahs.



Thomas R. Venables, President and CEO, and Pamela Karalis, Assistant Vice President and Community Banking officer at Ben, were on hand to greet the crowds and participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Brenda Fanara of the Chamber, and Michael Driscoll, Town Manager of Watertown.

With the opening of the Watertown branch, Ben now has eleven convenient banking locations throughout Metrowest. The Watertown branch and drive up window is open Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 – noon. Feel free to stop in at any of our Ben locations in Franklin, Bellingham, Milford, Medfield, Foxboro, Moody Street and Main Street in Waltham, Wellesley Hills, Newtonville and Watertown.

*Pictured left to right: Thomas R. Venables, President & CEO of Benjamin Franklin Bank; Catherine MacDonald, teller; Michael Driscoll, Town Manager; Brenda Fanara of the Chamber; Pamela Karalis, Assistant Vice President, Community Banking Officer; Pasqual Kioumejian, Vice President Commercial Lending Officer; Maria Mouratidis, Assistant Branch Manager; Paul Saia, Vice President Retail Banking; Christopher Brophy, Customer Service Representative; Cheryl Deptula, Head Teller*