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**Merchants Bank Appoints Margaret “Peggy” A. Henry
to Branch President of Newest Branch Office in Waterbury**

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT — Thomas S. Leavitt, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking for Merchants Bank announced the appointment of Margaret “Peggy” A. Henry as Branch President for Merchants Bank’s new Waterbury office. Henry commenced responsibilities in early June. She will be assisted by a staff of Personal Bankers, including: Cheryl D. Massucco, Jeanne D. Quesnel, and Tom J. Reen. Marie A. Fadden and Maryann E. Russell will be on hand during the transition. Philip C. Smith is the Corporate Banking Officer, Robin C. Miller, the Corporate Banking Assistant and Matthew D. Granai, the Trust Officer.

Construction is almost complete on the new branch office, which is located at 994 Waterbury Stowe Road, (Route 100, near the new Shaw’s Supermarket). The new office is scheduled to open September 18, 2006, with a “Grand Opening Celebration” October 6 that will be open to the public. Lobby and drive-up hours will be Monday through Friday, 8am – 5pm.

Peggy is a highly respected member of the Waterbury business community, starting her career after attending Castleton State College and spending some time in nursing care, fitness and nutrition. Her banking career began in 1985 at First Vermont, and Henry was employed throughout many ownership transitions at the South Main Street branch, including Howard, Banknorth, and TD Banknorth since 1987. Her initial position was Personal Credit Manager, in which she handled the merged consumer credit and deposit (retail and commercial) functions of the office. In addition to managing the operations of the branch, Henry was a consumer and small business lender. Henry was later promoted to Assistant Vice President, Branch Development and Sales Manager, leading one of Banknorth Vermont’s top sales performance teams.

A native of the Barre area and a graduate of Spaulding High School, Henry resides in East Barre with her husband Randy and their two daughters. She enjoys waterskiing and spending time at Caspian Lake. She has served on the boards of the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce and Waterbury Senior Citizens Center, and has served as the treasurer of the Waterbury Salvation Army for the past 16 years.



Margaret “Peggy” A. Henry

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