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BankRI Expands into East Bay with Opening of Middletown Branch

Longtime Aquidneck Island resident and seasoned manager, Brooke Darcy, overseeing retail business branch of BankRI's 20th location

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – On Tuesday, December 27, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** completed its expansion into East Bay with the official opening of its Middletown branch. Located at 132 East Main Road and led by longtime Aquidneck Island resident Brooke Darcy, BankRI's newest branch represents its twentieth location across Rhode Island.

Now open for business, the Middletown branch is a 1,800 square foot building that includes private commercial lending offices, space dedicated to BankRI retail and business financial specialists, and conference rooms. Customers have complete access to BankRI's full line of personal and business banking products and services, along with a 24-hour ATM and night depository. The branch introduces new technology at each teller window, helping to increase transaction efficiency and reduce the time for business deposits with a high number of items.

"We could not be more excited to have opened the doors to our Middletown branch and see all of the work that went into our East Bay expansion come to fruition," said Mark J. Meiklejohn, President and CEO of BankRI. "This branch will provide new levels of banking conveniences to existing and potential customers across the area as we look forward to further immersing ourselves in the community and supporting the growth of local business."

BankRI's new branch is led by Brooke Darcy, a 17-year resident of Aquidneck Island who currently lives in Middletown. As Branch Manager, Brooke focuses heavily on business development and identifying long-term growth opportunities for customers and the markets she serves. Brooke is also committed to forging new relationships throughout the area by conducting financial analysis and recommending the appropriate financial products to meet the needs of her clients.

The Middletown branch is open Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The phone number is (401) 856-4033.

Ground for the new branch was broken in late summer and its design was developed by Brown Lindquist Fenuccio & Raber Architects, Inc. to integrate seamlessly with the characteristics of Middletown. Construction was managed by SPS Construction.

About Bank Rhode Island

Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 20 branches and more than 55 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent and Washington Counties. For more information, visit www.bankri.com. You can also find BankRI on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/BankRhodeIsland.

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