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William F. Lucey, III Joins BankRI

Longtime Aquidneck Island executive begins new chapter following 30-years at The Newport Daily News

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – One of Aquidneck Island’s most respected and well-known business executives has been hired by **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)**. William F. Lucey, III, who recently stepped down as the publisher of *The Newport Daily News*, joins BankRI’s Commercial Banking Group as a relationship manager focused on developing and managing new business relationships. Lucey will have dual offices – at the Bank’s headquarters in Providence and in its Middletown branch at 132 East Main Road. Lucey assumed his new role on Monday, November 19.

An accomplished senior business manager, Lucey spent more than 30 years with the Edward A. Sherman Publishing Co., which operated *The Newport Daily News*, *Newport Life Magazine*, *The South County Independent*, and the *Newport Mercury* until the company sold its publications to GateHouse Media in late 2017. He joined the company in 1985 as a special projects manager, advancing throughout the years to the positions of general manager, assistant publisher, and publisher.

“I am excited to begin the next phase of my career,” stated Lucey. “One of the things that I liked most about being the publisher of *The Newport Daily News* was being able to help members of our community to achieve their goals. BankRI has a very similar mission.”

“We are very pleased to add someone of Bill’s stature to the BankRI team. He has long been a fixture in the Rhode Island business community and specifically on Aquidneck Island. I expect Bill to be a key contributor for us as we continue to deepen our footprint,” said Mark J. Meiklejohn, President and CEO of BankRI.

Bill and his wife Kate reside in Middletown. Bill graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BS in Business Management and holds a Master’s Degree in Information System Science from Salve Regina University. In 2017, Salve awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of his work with nonprofit organizations.

Lucey is currently serving as the treasurer of The Preservation Society of Newport County and NewportFilm. He is also a Governor of Newport Hospital. Previously, he served as President of the New England Newspaper Association, the Newport County Chamber of Commerce, and the Newport Rotary Club, in addition to a variety of other volunteer leadership roles.

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, Newport 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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