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**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016**

**OR**

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-24751

**SALISBURY BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	06-1514263 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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5 Bissell Street, Lakeville, CT (Address of principal executive offices)	06039 (Zip code)
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**(860) 435-9801**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer”, “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of May 16, 2016 is 2,753,426.

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**PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(in thousands, except share data)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
<b>ASSETS</b>	(unaudited)	
Cash and due from banks	\$9,309	\$14,891
Interest bearing demand deposits with other banks	22,194	47,227
Total cash and cash equivalents	31,503	62,118
Securities		
Available-for-sale at fair value	79,034	76,694
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock at cost	3,117	3,176
Loans held-for-sale	183	763
Loans receivable, net (allowance for loan losses: \$5,877 and \$5,716)	728,845	699,018
Bank premises and equipment, net	14,632	14,307
Goodwill	12,552	12,552
Intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization: \$3,064 and \$2,909)	2,183	2,338
Accrued interest receivable	2,451	2,307
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	13,775	13,685
Deferred taxes	2,013	1,989
Other assets	1,516	2,245
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$891,804</b>	<b>\$891,192</b>
<b>LIABILITIES and SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Deposits		
Demand (non-interest bearing)	\$192,184	\$201,340
Demand (interest bearing)	122,814	125,465
Money market	192,357	183,783
Savings and other	126,214	119,651
Certificates of deposit	122,089	124,294
Total deposits	755,658	754,533
Repurchase agreements	2,620	3,914
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston advances	27,031	26,979
Subordinated debt <sup>(1)</sup>	9,770	9,764
Note payable	365	376
Capital lease liability	420	422
Accrued interest and other liabilities	4,538	4,630
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>800,402</b>	<b>800,618</b>
Shareholders' Equity		
Common stock - \$.10 per share par value		
Authorized: 5,000,000		
Issued: 2,753,426 and 2,733,576	275	273
Paid-in capital	41,915	41,364
Retained earnings	48,662	47,922
Unearned compensation - restricted stock awards	(529)	(110)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,079	1,125

<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	91,402	90,574
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	\$891,804	\$891,192

(1) Net of issuance costs, which are capitalized and amortized as a component of interest expense over a period of 10 years.

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**Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited)**

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands except per share amounts)	2016	2015
<b>Interest and dividend income</b>		
Interest and fees on loans	\$7,925	\$7,922
Interest on debt securities		
Taxable	293	326
Tax exempt	286	390
Other interest and dividends	74	33
Total interest and dividend income	8,578	8,671
<b>Interest expense</b>		
Deposits	508	444
Repurchase agreements	1	1
Capital lease	18	18
Note payable	5	—
Subordinated debt	156	—
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston advances	231	282
Total interest expense	919	745
Net interest and dividend income	7,659	7,926
<b>Provision (benefit) for loan losses</b>	463	(200 )
Net interest and dividend income after provision (benefit) for loan losses	7,196	8,126
<b>Non-interest income</b>		
Trust and wealth advisory	784	822
Service charges and fees	730	731
Gains on sales of mortgage loans, net	39	94
Mortgage servicing, net	12	(40 )
Gains on sales and calls of available-for-sale securities, net	2	175
Other	117	114
Total non-interest income	1,684	1,896
<b>Non-interest expense</b>		
Salaries	2,574	2,540
Employee benefits	1,088	1,005
Premises and equipment	895	908
Data processing	447	474
Professional fees	380	650
Collections and OREO	157	244
FDIC insurance	134	198
Marketing and community support	200	110
Amortization of core deposit intangibles	155	169
Other	810	537
Total non-interest expense	6,840	6,835
Income before income taxes	2,040	3,187
<b>Income tax provision</b>	528	953
<b>Net income</b>	\$1,512	\$2,234

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<b>Net income available to common shareholders</b>	\$1,512	\$2,194
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.55	\$0.81
Weighted average common shares outstanding, to calculate basic earnings per share	2,723	2,699
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.55	\$0.80
Weighted average common shares outstanding, to calculate diluted earnings per share	2,741	2,716
Common dividends per share	\$0.28	\$0.28

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**Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)**

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands)	2016	2015
Net income	\$1,512	\$2,234
Other comprehensive loss		
Net unrealized losses on securities available-for-sale	(68 )	(193 )
Reclassification of net realized gains in net income <sup>(1)</sup>	(2 )	(175 )
Unrealized losses on securities available-for-sale	(70 )	(368 )
Income tax benefit	24	128
Unrealized losses on securities available-for-sale, net of tax	(46 )	(240 )
Comprehensive income	\$1,466	\$1,994

<sup>(1)</sup> Reclassification adjustments include realized security gains and losses. The gains and losses have been reclassified out of other comprehensive loss and have affected certain lines in the consolidated statements of income as follows: The pre-tax amount is reflected as gains on sales and calls of available-for-sale securities, net, the tax effect is included in the income tax provision and the after tax amount is included in net income.

**Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (unaudited)**

(dollars in thousands)	Common Stock	Preferred stock	Paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Unearned compensation - restricted stock awards	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Total shareholders' equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balances at December 31, 2014	2,720,766	\$ 272	\$ 16,000	\$ 41,077	\$ (313 )	\$ 2,108	\$ 101,821
Net income	—	—	—	2,234	—	—	2,234
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	(240 )	(240 )
Common stock dividends declared	—	—	—	(761 )	—	—	(761 )
Preferred stock dividends declared	—	—	—	(40 )	—	—	(40 )
Stock options exercised	6,750	1	—	125	—	—	126
Issuance of common stock for executives	1,000	—	—	29	—	—	29
Stock based compensation-restricted stock awards	—	—	—	—	42	—	42
Balances at March 31, 2015	2,728,516	\$ 273	\$ 16,000	\$ 41,231	\$ (271 )	\$ 1,868	\$ 103,211
Balances at December 31, 2015	2,733,576	\$ 273	\$ —	\$ 41,364	\$ (110 )	\$ 1,125	\$ 90,574
Net income	—	—	—	1,512	—	—	1,512
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	(46 )	(46 )



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Common stock dividends declared	—	—	—	—	(772 )	—	—	(772 )
Stock options exercised	4,050	—	—	87	—	—	—	87
Issuance of restricted stock awards	15,800	2	—	464	—	—	—	466
Stock based compensation-restricted stock awards	—	—	—	—	—	(419 )	—	(419 )
Balances at March 31, 2016	2,753,426	\$ 275	\$—	\$41,915	\$48,662	\$ (529 )	\$ 1,079	\$91,402

**Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)**

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands)	2016	2015
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 1,512	\$ 2,234
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: (Accretion), amortization and depreciation:		
Securities	60	38
Bank premises and equipment	306	311
Core deposit intangible	155	169
Mortgage servicing rights	51	119
Fair value adjustment on loans	(586 )	(650 )
Fair value adjustment on deposits	(38 )	(135 )
Debt issuance costs	6	—
(Gains) and losses, including write-downs		
Gain on sales and calls of securities available-for-sale, net	(2 )	(175 )
Gain on sales of loans, excluding capitalized servicing rights	(19 )	(32 )
Write-downs of other real estate owned	—	127
Loss on sale/disposals of premises and equipment	13	45
Provision (benefit) for loan losses	463	(200 )
Proceeds from loans sold	1,787	2,134
Loans originated for sale	(1,188 )	(1,862)
Increase in deferred loan origination fees and costs, net	(44 )	(3 )
Mortgage servicing rights originated	(20 )	(62 )
Increase in mortgage servicing rights impairment reserve	20	10
Increase in interest receivable	(144 )	(22 )
Deferred tax benefit	—	(13 )
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	47	(126 )
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance policies	(90 )	(92 )
Decrease in income tax receivable	506	—
Increase in income taxes payable	—	55
Decrease in other assets	125	64
Decrease in accrued expenses	(113 )	(184 )
Decrease in interest payable	(30 )	—
Increase in other liabilities	51	161
Stock based compensation-restricted stock awards	47	71
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,875	1,982
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock	59	—
Purchases of securities available-for-sale	(10,072)	(3 )
Proceeds from sales of securities available-for-sale	—	3,861
Proceeds from calls of securities available-for-sale	5,351	3,740
Proceeds from maturities of securities available-for-sale	2,253	2,304
Loan originations and principal collections, net	(29,674)	(3,011)
Recoveries of loans previously charged off	14	460
Capital expenditures	(644 )	(186 )
Net cash (utilized) provided by investing activities	(32,713)	7,165



**Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (Continued)**

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands)	2016	2015
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Increase in deposit transaction accounts, net	3,330	9,556
(Decrease) increase in time deposits, net	(2,167 )	63
Decrease in securities sold under agreements to repurchase, net	(1,294 )	(885 )
Principal payments on Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston advances	(6 )	(410 )
Modification fees on Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston advances	58	—
Principal payments on note payable	(11 )	—
Decrease in capital lease obligation	(2 )	(1 )
Stock options exercised	87	126
Common stock dividends paid	(772 )	(761 )
Series B preferred stock dividends paid	—	(40 )
Net cash (utilized) provided by financing activities	(777 )	7,648
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(30,615)	16,795
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	62,118	36,105
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$31,503	\$52,900
Cash paid during period		
Interest	\$760	\$745
Income taxes	258	911

## Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary

### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The interim (unaudited) consolidated financial statements of Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. ("Salisbury") include those of Salisbury and its wholly owned subsidiary, Salisbury Bank and Trust Company (the "Bank"). In the opinion of management, the interim unaudited consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position of Salisbury and the statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the interim periods presented.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make extensive use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the balance sheet, and revenues and expenses for the period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, expected cash flows from loans acquired in a business combination, other-than-temporary impairment of securities and impairment of goodwill and intangibles.

Certain financial information, which is normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but which is not required for interim reporting purposes, has been condensed or omitted. Operating results for the interim period ended March 31, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2016. The accompanying condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in Salisbury's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The allowance for loan losses is a significant accounting policy and is presented in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and in Management's Discussion and Analysis, which provides information on how significant assets are valued in the financial statements and how those values are determined. Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to the methods, assumptions and estimates underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the allowance for loan losses to be the accounting area that requires the most subjective judgments, and as such could be most subject to revision as new information becomes available.

#### Impact of New Accounting Pronouncements Issued

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, Financial Instruments – overall (subtopic 825-10): *"Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities."* This ASU addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments by making targeted improvements to GAAP as follows: (1) require equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. However, an entity may choose to measure equity investments that do not have readily determinable fair values at cost minus impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer; (2) simplify the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment. When a qualitative assessment indicates that impairment exists, an entity is required to measure the investment at fair value; (3) eliminate the requirement to disclose the fair value of financial instruments measured at amortized cost for entities that are not public business entities; (4) eliminate the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be

disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet; (5) require public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; (6) require an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments; (7) require separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (that is, securities or loans and receivables) on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements; and (8) clarify that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's other deferred tax assets. ASU No. 2016-01 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption only for provisions (3) and (6) above. Early adoption of the other provisions mentioned above is not permitted. Salisbury does not expect ASU No. 2016-01 to have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements; however, the Company will continue to closely monitor developments and additional guidance.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases" (Topic 842). Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases): 1) a lease liability, which is the present value of a lessee's obligation to make lease payments, and 2) a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Lessor accounting under the new guidance remains largely unchanged as it is substantially equivalent to existing guidance for sales-type leases, direct financing leases, and operating leases. Leveraged leases have been eliminated, although lessors can continue to account for existing leveraged leases using the current accounting guidance. Other limited changes were made to align lessor accounting with the lessee accounting model and the new revenue recognition standard. All entities will classify leases to determine how to recognize lease-related revenue and expense. Quantitative and qualitative disclosures will be required by lessees and lessors to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The intention is to require enough information to supplement the amounts recorded in the financial statements so that users can understand more about the nature of an entity's leasing activities. ASU No. 2016-02 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018; early adoption is permitted. All entities are required to use a modified retrospective approach for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period in the financial statements. They have the option to use certain relief; full retrospective application is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating this ASU to determine the impact on its consolidated financial statements. In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting." This ASU includes provisions intended to simplify various aspects related to how share-based payments are accounted for and presented in the financial statements. Some of the key provisions of this new ASU include: (1) companies will no longer record excess tax benefits and certain tax deficiencies in additional paid-in capital ("APIC"). Instead, they will record all excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies as income tax expense or benefit in the income statement, and APIC pools will be eliminated. The guidance also eliminates the requirement that excess tax benefits be realized before companies can recognize them. In addition, the guidance requires companies to present excess tax benefits as an operating activity on the statement of cash flows rather than as a financing activity; (2) increase the amount an employer can withhold to cover income taxes on awards and still qualify for the exception to liability classification for shares used to satisfy the employer's statutory income tax withholding obligation. The new guidance will also require an employer to classify the cash paid to a tax authority when shares are withheld to satisfy its statutory income tax withholding obligation as a financing activity on its statement of cash flows (current guidance did not specify how these cash flows should be classified); and (3) permit companies to make an accounting policy election for the impact of forfeitures on the recognition of expense for share-based payment awards. Forfeitures can be estimated, as required today, or recognized when they occur. ASU No. 2016-09 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is permitted, but all of the guidance must be adopted in the same period. Salisbury is currently evaluating the provisions of ASU No. 2016-09 to determine the potential impact the new standard will have on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

## NOTE 2 - SECURITIES

The composition of securities is as follows:

(in thousands)	Amortized cost (1)	Gross un- realized gains	Gross un- realized losses	Fair value
March 31, 2016				
<b>Available-for-sale</b>				
U.S. Treasury notes	\$ 7,497	\$ 33	\$ (1 )	\$ 7,529
Municipal bonds	24,893	495	—	25,388

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Mortgage-backed securities:				
U.S. Government agencies and U.S. Government- sponsored enterprises	35,328	497	(23 )	35,802
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
U.S. Government agencies	1,850	12	—	1,862
Non-agency	4,198	382	(12 )	4,568
SBA bonds	2,843	28	—	2,871
CRA mutual funds	770	9	—	779
Preferred stock	20	215	—	235
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 77,399	\$ 1,671	\$ (36 )	\$ 79,034
<b>Non-marketable securities</b>				
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock	\$ 3,117	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,117



(in thousands)	Amortized cost (1)	Gross un- realized gains	Gross un- realized losses	Fair value
December 31, 2015				
<b>Available-for-sale</b>				
U.S. Treasury notes	\$ 2,499	\$ 42	\$ —	\$ 2,541
U.S. Government agency notes	498	—	—	498
Municipal bonds	29,752	633	—	30,385
Mortgage-backed securities:				
U.S. Government agencies and U.S. Government- sponsored enterprises	31,900	385	(83 )	32,202
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
U.S. Government agencies	2,002	12	—	2,014
Non-agency	4,487	468	(7 )	4,948
SBA bonds	3,065	31	—	3,096
CRA mutual funds	766	—	(2 )	764
Preferred stock	20	226	—	246
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 74,989	\$ 1,797	\$ (92 )	\$ 76,694
<b>Non-marketable securities</b>				
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock	\$ 3,176	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,176

(1) Net of other-than-temporary impairment write-downs recognized in earnings.

Salisbury did not sell any available-for-sale securities during the three month period ended March 31, 2016, and sold \$3.9 million in available-for-sale securities during the three month period ended March 31, 2015, for a gain of \$165,000. The after tax gain totaled \$150,000.

The following table summarizes, for all securities in an unrealized loss position, including debt securities for which a portion of other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) has been recognized in other comprehensive loss, the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss of securities that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position as of the date presented:

(in thousands)	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
March 31, 2016						
<b>Available-for-sale</b>						
Municipal bonds	\$ 4,997	\$ (1 )	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,997	\$ (1 )
Mortgage-backed securities	7,096	(18 )	177	(5 )	7,273	(23 )
Collateralized mortgage obligations:						
Non-agency	343	(2 )	211	(6 )	554	(8 )
Total temporarily impaired securities	12,436	(21 )	388	(11 )	12,824	(32 )
Other-than-temporarily impaired securities						
Collateralized mortgage obligations:						
Non-agency	217	(4 )	—	—	217	(4 )
Total temporarily impaired and other-than-temporarily impaired securities	\$ 12,653	\$ (25 )	\$ 388	\$ (11 )	\$ 13,041	\$ (36 )

Salisbury evaluates securities for OTTI where the fair value of a security is less than its amortized cost basis at the balance sheet date. As part of this process, Salisbury considers whether it has the intent to sell each debt security and whether it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery. If either of these conditions is met, Salisbury recognizes an OTTI charge to earnings equal to the entire difference between the security's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. For securities that meet neither of these conditions, an analysis is performed to determine if any of these securities are at risk for OTTI.

The following summarizes, by security type, the basis for evaluating if the applicable securities were OTTI at March 31, 2016.

**U.S. Government agency mortgage-backed securities:** The contractual cash flows are guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises. Changes in fair values are a function of changes in investment spreads and interest rate movements and not changes in credit quality. Management expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities. Furthermore, Salisbury evaluates these securities for strategic fit and may reduce its position in these securities, although it is not more likely than not that Salisbury will be required to sell these securities before recovery of their cost basis, which may be maturity, and does not intend to sell these securities. Therefore, management does not consider these securities to be OTTI at March 31, 2016.

**Municipal bonds:** Contractual cash flows are performing as expected. Salisbury's portfolio is mostly comprised of tax-exempt general obligation bonds or public-purpose revenue bonds for schools, municipal offices, sewer infrastructure and fire houses, for small towns and municipalities across the United States. In the wake of the financial crisis, most monoline bond insurers had their ratings downgraded or withdrawn because of excessive exposure to insurance for collateralized debt obligations. Where appropriate, Salisbury performs credit underwriting reviews of unrated issuers, including some that have had their ratings withdrawn and are insured by insurers that have had their ratings withdrawn, to assess default risk. For all completed reviews, pass credit risk ratings have been assigned. Management expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities. It is not more likely than not that Salisbury will be required to sell these securities before recovery of their cost basis, which may be at maturity, and Salisbury does not intend to sell these securities. Therefore, management does not consider these securities to be OTTI at March 31, 2016.

**Non-agency CMOs:** Salisbury performed a detailed cash flow analysis of its non-agency CMOs at March 31, 2016, to assess whether any of the securities were OTTI. Salisbury uses cash flow forecasts for each security based on a variety of market driven assumptions and securitization terms, including prepayment speed, default or delinquency rate, and default severity for losses including interest, legal fees, property repairs, expenses and realtor fees, that, together with the loan amount are subtracted from collateral sales proceeds to determine severity. In 2009, Salisbury determined that five non-agency CMO securities reflected OTTI and recognized losses for deterioration in credit quality of \$1,128,000. Salisbury judged the four remaining securities not to have additional OTTI and all other CMO securities not to be OTTI as of March 31, 2016. It is possible that future loss assumptions could change necessitating Salisbury to recognize future OTTI for further deterioration in credit quality. Salisbury evaluates these securities for strategic fit and depending upon such factor could reduce its position in these securities, although it has no present intention to do so, and it is not more likely than not that Salisbury will be required to sell these securities before recovery of their cost bases.

The following table presents activity related to credit losses recognized into earnings on the non-agency CMOs held by Salisbury for which a portion of an OTTI charge was recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income:

Three months ended March 31 (in thousands)	2016	2015
Balance, beginning of period	\$1,128	\$1,128
Credit component on debt securities in which OTTI was not previously recognized	—	—
Balance, end of period	\$1,128	\$1,128

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLBB) is a cooperative that provides services, including funding in the form of advances, to its member banking institutions. As a requirement of membership, the Bank must own a minimum amount of FHLBB stock, calculated periodically based primarily on its level of borrowings from the FHLBB. No market exists for shares of the FHLBB and therefore, they are carried at par value. FHLBB stock may be redeemed at par value five years following termination of FHLBB membership, subject to limitations which may be imposed by the FHLBB or its regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Board, to maintain capital adequacy of the FHLBB. While the Bank currently has no intentions to terminate its FHLBB membership, the ability to redeem its

investment in FHLBB stock would be subject to the conditions imposed by the FHLBB. Based on the capital adequacy and the liquidity position of the FHLBB, management believes there is no impairment related to the carrying amount of the Bank's FHLBB stock as of March 31, 2016. Deterioration of the FHLBB's capital levels may require the Bank to deem its restricted investment in FHLBB stock to be OTTI. If evidence of impairment exists in the future, the FHLBB stock would reflect fair value using either observable or unobservable inputs. The Bank will continue to monitor its investment in FHLBB stock.

**NOTE 3 – LOANS**

The composition of loans receivable and loans held-for-sale is as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Business	Acquired	Total	Business	Acquired	Total
	Activities	Loans		Activities	Loans	
Residential 1-4 family	\$274,881	\$7,443	\$282,324	\$261,495	\$7,799	\$269,294
Residential 5+ multifamily	8,095	6,050	14,145	6,411	6,136	12,547
Construction of residential 1-4 family	9,332	—	9,332	7,998	—	7,998
Home equity lines of credit	34,329	—	34,329	35,017	—	35,017
Residential real estate	326,637	13,493	340,130	310,921	13,935	324,856
Commercial	136,315	86,500	222,815	129,446	88,829	218,275
Construction of commercial	10,145	4,903	15,048	6,525	4,874	11,399
Commercial real estate	146,460	91,403	237,863	135,971	93,703	229,674
Farm land	4,007	—	4,007	3,193	—	3,193
Vacant land	8,198	—	8,198	8,563	—	8,563
Real estate secured	485,302	104,896	590,198	458,648	107,638	566,286
Commercial and industrial	92,528	35,517	128,045	74,657	46,764	121,421
Municipal	9,364	—	9,364	9,566	—	9,566
Consumer	5,806	76	5,882	6,195	77	6,272
Loans receivable, gross	593,000	140,489	733,489	549,066	154,479	703,545
Deferred loan origination fees and costs, net	1,233	—	1,233	1,189	—	1,189
Allowance for loan losses	(5,573 )	(304 )	(5,877 )	(5,481 )	(235 )	(5,716 )
Loans receivable, net	\$588,660	\$140,185	\$728,845	\$544,774	\$154,244	\$699,018
Loans held-for-sale						
Residential 1-4 family	\$183	\$—	\$183	\$763	\$—	\$763

**Concentrations of Credit Risk**

Salisbury's loans consist primarily of residential and commercial real estate loans located principally in northwestern Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts towns, which constitute Salisbury's service area. Salisbury offers a broad range of loan and credit facilities to borrowers in its service area, including residential mortgage loans, commercial real estate loans, construction loans, working capital loans, equipment loans, and a variety of consumer loans, including home equity lines of credit, and installment and collateral loans. All residential and commercial mortgage loans are collateralized by first or second mortgages on real estate. The ability of single family residential and consumer borrowers to honor their repayment commitments is generally dependent on the level of overall economic activity within the market area and real estate values. The ability of commercial borrowers to honor their repayment commitments is dependent on the general economy as well as the health of the real estate economic sector in Salisbury's market area.

**Loan Credit Quality**

The composition of loans receivable by risk rating grade is as follows:

**Business Activities Loans**

(in thousands)	Pass	Special mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
March 31, 2016						
Residential 1-4 family	\$260,994	\$6,386	\$ 7,411	\$ 90	\$ —	\$274,881
Residential 5+ multifamily	6,075	1,931	89	—	—	8,095
Construction of residential 1-4 family	8,445	887	—	—	—	9,332
Home equity lines of credit	32,954	510	865	—	—	34,329
Residential real estate	308,468	9,714	8,365	90	—	326,637
Commercial	125,703	5,269	5,343	—	—	136,315
Construction of commercial	10,025	—	120	—	—	10,145
Commercial real estate	135,728	5,269	5,463	—	—	146,460
Farm land	2,983	—	1,024	—	—	4,007
Vacant land	5,207	67	2,924	—	—	8,198
Real estate secured	452,386	15,050	17,776	90	—	485,302
Commercial and industrial	88,953	2,995	578	2	—	92,528
Municipal	9,364	—	—	—	—	9,364
Consumer	5,788	17	1	—	—	5,806
Loans receivable, gross	\$556,491	\$18,062	\$ 18,355	\$ 92	\$ —	\$593,000
Acquired Loans						

(in thousands)	Pass	Special mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
March 31, 2016						
Residential 1-4 family	\$6,663	\$—	\$ 780	\$ —	\$ —	\$7,443
Residential 5+ multifamily	5,927	—	123	—	—	6,050
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	12,590	—	903	—	—	13,493
Commercial	77,995	3,067	5,438	—	—	86,500
Construction of commercial	4,645	—	258	—	—	4,903
Commercial real estate	82,640	3,067	5,696	—	—	91,403
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	95,230	3,067	6,599	—	—	104,896
Commercial and industrial	34,007	917	509	84	—	35,517
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	71	5	—	—	—	76
Loans receivable, gross	\$129,308	\$3,989	\$ 7,108	\$ 84	\$ —	\$140,489

## Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Pass	Special mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
December 31, 2015						
Residential 1-4 family	\$248,027	\$6,933	\$ 6,444	\$ 91	\$ —	\$261,495
Residential 5+ multifamily	4,507	1,815	89	—	—	6,411
Construction of residential 1-4 family	7,111	887	—	—	—	7,998
Home equity lines of credit	33,687	545	785	—	—	35,017
Residential real estate	293,332	10,180	7,318	91	—	310,921
Commercial	120,903	4,801	3,742	—	—	129,446
Construction of commercial	6,525	—	—	—	—	6,525
Commercial real estate	127,428	4,801	3,742	—	—	135,971
Farm land	2,162	—	1,031	—	—	3,193
Vacant land	5,567	69	2,927	—	—	8,563
Real estate secured	428,489	15,050	15,018	91	—	458,648
Commercial and industrial	72,887	1,214	555	1	—	74,657
Municipal	9,566	—	—	—	—	9,566
Consumer	6,171	18	6	—	—	6,195
Loans receivable, gross	\$517,113	\$16,282	\$ 15,579	\$ 92	\$ —	\$549,066
Acquired Loans						

(in thousands)	Pass	Special mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total
December 31, 2015						
Residential 1-4 family	\$6,824	\$199	\$ 776	\$ —	\$ —	\$7,799
Residential 5+ multifamily	6,136	—	—	—	—	6,136
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	12,960	199	776	—	—	13,935
Commercial	80,406	4,005	4,418	—	—	88,829
Construction of commercial	4,612	—	262	—	—	4,874
Commercial real estate	85,018	4,005	4,680	—	—	93,703
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	97,978	4,204	5,456	—	—	107,638
Commercial and industrial	45,363	875	443	83	—	46,764
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	71	6	—	—	—	77
Loans receivable, gross	\$143,412	\$5,085	\$ 5,899	\$ 83	\$ —	\$154,479

The composition of loans receivable by delinquency status is as follows:

Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Current	Past due					180 days and over	30 days and over	Accruing 90 days and over	Non-accrual
		1-29 days	30-59 days	60-89 days	90-179 days	90-179 days				
March 31, 2016										
Residential 1-4 family	\$267,101	\$1,334	\$3,509	\$75	\$—	\$—	\$2,862	\$6,446	\$—	\$5,834
Residential 5+ multifamily	7,946	60	—	—	—	—	89	89	—	—
Construction of residential 1-4 family	9,160	172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	33,395	434	218	43	150	89	500	—	—	701
Residential real estate	317,602	2,000	3,727	118	150	3,040	7,035	—	—	6,535
Commercial	133,401	156	833	668	342	915	2,758	—	—	2,557
Construction of commercial	10,145	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial real estate	143,546	156	833	668	342	915	2,758	—	—	2,557
Farm land	2,983	301	—	—	—	723	723	—	—	1,024
Vacant land	5,371	—	4	—	—	2,823	2,827	—	—	2,854
Real estate secured	469,502	2,457	4,564	786	492	7,501	13,343	—	—	12,970
Commercial and industrial	90,851	398	973	288	—	18	1,279	—	—	447
Municipal	9,364	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	5,763	24	15	4	—	—	19	—	—	—
Loans receivable, gross	\$575,480	\$2,879	\$5,552	\$1,078	\$492	\$7,519	\$14,641	\$—	\$—	\$13,417
Acquired Loans										

(in thousands)	Current	Past due					180 days and over	30 days and over	Accruing 90 days and over	Non-accrual
		1-29 days	30-59 days	60-89 days	90-179 days	90-179 days				
March 31, 2016										
Residential 1-4 family	\$6,664	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$779	\$779	\$—	\$779
Residential 5+ multifamily	5,168	759	—	—	—	123	—	123	—	123
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	11,832	759	—	—	123	779	902	—	—	902
Commercial	80,481	2,635	1,605	—	—	1,779	3,384	—	—	1,839
Construction of commercial	4,645	—	—	—	—	258	258	—	—	258
Commercial real estate	85,126	2,635	1,605	—	—	2,037	3,642	—	—	2,097
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	96,958	3,394	1,605	—	123	2,816	4,544	—	—	2,999
Commercial and industrial	33,725	844	123	825	—	—	948	—	—	414
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	72	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loans receivable, gross	\$130,755	\$4,242	\$1,728	\$825	\$123	\$2,816	\$5,492	\$—	\$—	\$3,413





The composition of loans receivable by delinquency status is as follows:

#### Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Current	Past due				90-179 days	180 days and over	30 days and over	Accruing Non-	
		1-29 days	30-59 days	60-89 days	90 days and over				90 days and over	accrual
December 31, 2015										
Residential 1-4 family	\$254,152	\$1,781	\$1,931	\$683	\$973	\$1,975	\$5,562	\$ —	\$5,671	
Residential 5+ multifamily	6,254	—	68	—	—	89	157	—	89	
Construction of residential 1-4 family	7,826	172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Home equity lines of credit	33,744	363	306	101	113	390	910	—	601	
Residential real estate	301,976	2,316	2,305	784	1,086	2,454	6,629	—	6,361	
Commercial	126,440	1,618	474	—	233	681	1,388	—	2,349	
Construction of commercial	6,525	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Commercial real estate	132,965	1,618	474	—	233	681	1,388	—	2,349	
Farm land	2,172	298	—	—	—	723	723	—	1,031	
Vacant land	5,734	—	6	—	—	2,823	2,829	—	2,855	
Real estate secured	442,847	4,232	2,785	784	1,319	6,681	11,569	—	12,596	
Commercial and industrial	73,698	906	35	—	—	18	53	—	461	
Municipal	9,566	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Consumer	6,096	61	21	17	—	—	38	—	80	
Loans receivable, gross	\$532,207	\$5,199	\$2,841	\$801	\$1,319	\$6,699	\$11,660	\$ —	\$13,137	

#### Acquired Loans

(in thousands)	Current	Past due				90-179 days	180 days and over	30 days and over	Accruing Non-	
		1-29 days	30-59 days	60-89 days	90 days and over				90 days and over	accrual
December 31, 2015										
Residential 1-4 family	\$6,823	\$—	\$—	\$110	\$—	\$866	\$976	\$ 90	\$776	
Residential 5+ multifamily	6,136	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Residential real estate	12,959	—	—	110	—	866	976	90	776	
Commercial	81,140	4,848	916	—	—	1,925	2,841	—	2,000	
Construction of commercial	4,612	—	—	—	—	262	262	—	262	
Commercial real estate	85,752	4,848	916	—	—	2,187	3,103	—	2,262	
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Real estate secured	98,711	4,848	916	110	—	3,053	4,079	90	3,038	
Commercial and industrial	46,128	471	83	82	—	—	165	—	—	
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Consumer	77	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Loans receivable, gross	\$144,916	\$5,319	\$999	\$192	\$—	3,053	\$4,244	\$ 90	\$3,038	

Interest on non-accrual loans that would have been recorded as additional interest income for the quarters ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 had the loans been current in accordance with their original terms totaled \$365,000 and \$135,000, respectively.

**Troubled Debt Restructurings**

Troubled debt restructurings occurring during the periods are as follows:

Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016		March 31, 2015			
	Pre-	Post-	Pre-	Post-		
	Quantity modification balance	modification balance	Quantity modification balance	modification balance		
Residential real estate	1	\$ 89	\$ 89	1	\$ 51	\$ 51
Commercial real estate	—	—	—	1	297	297
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Troubled debt restructurings	1	\$ 89	\$ 89	2	\$ 348	\$ 348
Refinance	1	\$ 89	\$ 89	—	—	—
Rate reduction and term extension	—	—	—	1	\$ 297	\$ 297
Debt consolidation and term extension	—	—	—	—	—	—
Debt consolidation, rate reduction, term extension and note bifurcation	—	—	—	1	51	51
Term extension	—	—	—	—	—	—
Troubled debt restructurings	1	\$ 89	\$ 89	2	\$ 348	\$ 348

Acquired Loans

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016		March 31, 2015			
	Pre-	Post-	Pre-	Post-		
	Quantity modification balance	modification balance	Quantity modification balance	modification balance		
Commercial real estate	—	\$ —	\$ —	—	\$ —	—
Troubled debt restructurings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rate reduction and term extension	—	—	—	—	—	—
Troubled debt restructurings	—	—	—	—	—	—

One loan has been modified as a troubled debt restructure during 2016 and was not past due at March 31, 2016.

**Allowance for Loan Losses**

Changes in the allowance for loan losses are as follows:

(in thousands)	Business Activities Loans					Acquired Loans				
	March 31, 2016					March 31, 2016				
	Beginning balance	Provision (benefit)	Charge- offs	Reco- veries	Ending balance	Beginning balance	Provision (benefit)	Charge- offs	Reco- veries	Ending balance
Residential	\$2,477	\$ 86	\$(106 )	\$ 1	\$2,458	\$79	\$(10 )	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 69
Commercial	1,466	154	(36 )	1	1,585	132	56	(96 )	2	94
Land	188	(1 )	(23 )	—	164	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate	4,131	239	(165 )	2	4,207	211	46	(96 )	2	163
Commercial and industrial	683	125	(31 )	4	781	24	114	(1 )	4	141
Municipal	61	(2 )	—	—	59	—	—	—	—	—

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Consumer	124	11	(23 )	2	114	—	—	—	—	—
Unallocated	482	(70 )	—	—	412	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$5,481	\$ 303	\$ (219 )	\$ 8	\$5,573	\$235	\$ 160	\$ (97 )	\$ 6	\$ 304

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(in thousands)	Business Activities Loans December 31, 2015					Acquired Loans December 31, 2015				
	Beginning balance	Provision (benefit)	Charge- offs	Reco- veries	Ending balance	Beginning balance	Provision (benefit)	Charge- offs	Reco- veries	Ending balance
Residential	\$2,306	\$ 746	\$(698 )	\$123	\$2,477	\$—	\$ 79	\$—	\$—	\$ 79
Commercial	1,697	(18 )	(214 )	1	1,466	7	136	(16 )	5	132
Land	164	157	(133 )	—	188	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate	4,167	885	(1,045)	124	4,131	7	215	(16 )	5	211
Commercial and industrial	583	(295 )	(69 )	464	683	14	(24 )	—	34	24
Municipal	61	—	—	—	61	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	117	71	(82 )	18	124	—	(8 )	—	8	—
Unallocated	409	73	—	—	482	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$5,337	\$ 734	\$(1,196)	\$606	\$5,481	\$21	\$ 183	\$(16 )	\$47	\$ 235

The composition of loans receivable and the allowance for loan losses is as follows:

#### Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
March 31, 2016						
Residential 1-4 family	\$266,482	\$1,534	\$8,399	\$474	\$274,881	\$2,008
Residential 5+ multifamily	6,330	45	1,765	—	8,095	45
Construction of residential 1-4 family	9,332	75	—	—	9,332	75
Home equity lines of credit	33,511	309	818	21	34,329	330
Residential real estate	315,655	1,963	10,982	495	326,637	2,458
Commercial	132,084	1,377	4,231	80	136,315	1,457
Construction of commercial	10,025	127	120	1	10,145	128
Commercial real estate	142,109	1,504	4,351	81	146,460	1,585
Farm land	2,983	24	1,024	1	4,007	25
Vacant land	5,125	120	3,073	19	8,198	139
Real estate secured	465,872	3,611	19,430	596	485,302	4,207
Commercial and industrial	92,019	780	509	1	92,528	781
Municipal	9,364	59	—	—	9,364	59
Consumer	5,806	114	—	—	5,806	114
Unallocated allowance	—	412	—	—	—	412
Totals	\$573,061	\$4,976	\$19,939	\$597	\$593,000	\$5,573

## Acquired Loans

(in thousands)	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		ASC 310-30 loans		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
March 31, 2016								
Residential 1-4 family	\$6,664	\$—	\$779	\$69	\$—	\$—	\$7,443	\$69
Residential 5+ multifamily	5,927	—	123	—	—	—	6,050	—
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	12,591	—	902	69	—	—	13,493	69
Commercial	79,134	19	2,585	27	4,781	44	86,500	90
Construction of commercial	4,645	4	258	—	—	—	4,903	4
Commercial real estate	83,779	23	2,843	27	4,781	44	91,403	94
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	96,370	23	3,745	96	4,781	44	104,896	163
Commercial and industrial	34,475	21	414	114	628	6	35,517	141
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	60	—	—	—	16	—	76	—
Unallocated allowance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$130,905	\$44	\$4,159	\$210	\$5,425	\$50	\$140,489	\$304

## Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
December 31, 2015						
Residential 1-4 family	\$253,156	\$1,415	\$8,339	\$610	\$261,495	\$2,025
Residential 5+ multifamily	4,640	33	1,771	—	6,411	33
Construction of residential 1-4 family	7,998	65	—	—	7,998	65
Home equity lines of credit	34,298	286	719	68	35,017	354
Residential real estate	300,092	1,799	10,829	678	310,921	2,477
Commercial	125,173	1,265	4,273	113	129,446	1,378
Construction of commercial	6,403	87	122	1	6,525	88
Commercial real estate	131,576	1,352	4,395	114	135,971	1,466
Farm land	2,162	23	1,031	14	3,193	37
Vacant land	5,486	122	3,077	29	8,563	151
Real estate secured	439,316	3,296	19,332	835	458,648	4,131
Commercial and industrial	74,131	673	526	10	74,657	683
Municipal	9,566	61	—	—	9,566	61

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Consumer	6,115	124	80	—	6,195	124
Unallocated allowance	—	482	—	—	—	482
Totals	\$529,128	\$4,636	\$19,938	\$845	\$549,066	\$5,481



## Acquired Loans

(in thousands)	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		ASC 310-30 loans		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
December 31, 2015								
Residential 1-4 family	\$7,023	\$—	\$776	\$79	\$—	\$—	\$7,799	\$79
Residential 5+ multifamily	6,136	—	—	—	—	—	6,136	—
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	13,159	—	776	79	—	—	13,935	79
Commercial	81,300	19	2,742	107	4,787	2	88,829	128
Construction of commercial	4,612	4	262	—	—	—	4,874	4
Commercial real estate	85,912	23	3,004	107	4,787	2	93,703	132
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	99,071	23	3,780	186	4,787	2	107,638	211
Commercial and industrial	45,650	24	—	—	1,114	—	46,764	24
Municipal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	61	—	—	—	16	—	77	—
Unallocated allowance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$144,782	\$47	\$3,780	\$186	\$5,917	\$2	\$154,479	\$235

The credit quality segments of loans receivable and the allowance for loan losses are as follows:

## Business Activities Loans

March 31, 2016 (in thousands)	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
Performing loans	\$569,493	\$4,429	\$—	\$—	\$569,493	\$4,429
Potential problem loans	3,568	135	—	—	3,568	135
Impaired loans	—	—	19,939	597	19,939	597
Unallocated allowance	—	412	—	—	—	412
Totals	\$573,061	\$4,976	\$19,939	\$597	\$593,000	\$5,573

## Acquired Loans

Collectively evaluated      Individually evaluated      Total portfolio

**March 31, 2016 (in thousands)**

	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
Performing loans	\$133,381	\$51	\$—	\$—	\$133,381	\$51
Potential problem loans	2,949	42	—	—	2,949	42
Impaired loans	—	—	4,159	211	4,159	211
Unallocated allowance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$136,330	\$93	\$4,159	\$211	\$140,489	\$304

Business Activities Loans

**December 31, 2015 (in thousands)**

	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
Performing loans	\$527,905	\$4,110	\$—	\$—	\$527,905	\$4,110
Potential problem loans	1,223	44	—	—	1,223	44
Impaired loans	—	—	19,938	845	19,938	845
Unallocated allowance	—	482	—	—	—	482
Totals	\$529,128	\$4,636	\$19,938	\$845	\$549,066	\$5,481

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## Acquired Loans

December 31, 2015 (in thousands)	Collectively evaluated		Individually evaluated		Total portfolio	
	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance	Loans	Allowance
Performing loans	\$148,580	\$46	\$—	\$—	\$148,580	\$46
Potential problem loans	2,119	2	—	—	2,119	2
Impaired loans	—	—	3,780	187	3,780	187
Unallocated allowance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$150,699	\$48	\$3,780	\$187	\$154,479	\$235

A specific valuation allowance is established for the impairment amount of each impaired loan, calculated using the fair value of expected cash flows or collateral, in accordance with the most likely means of recovery. Certain data with respect to loans individually evaluated for impairment is as follows:

## Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Impaired loans with specific allowance					Impaired loans with no specific allowance			
	Loan balance			Specific	Income	Loan balance			Income
	Book	Note	Average	allowance	recognized	Book	Note	Average	recognized
March 31, 2016									
Residential	\$7,155	\$7,787	\$8,032	\$474	\$18	\$3,009	\$3,230	\$2,740	\$20
Home equity lines of credit	488	513	503	21	—	330	347	296	—
Residential real estate	7,643	8,300	8,535	495	18	3,339	3,577	3,036	20
Commercial Construction of commercial	3,095	3,412	3,058	80	13	1,136	1,403	1,195	7
Farm land	120	126	121	1	2	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	11	13	372	1	—	1,013	1,109	656	—
Real estate secured	2,870	3,859	2,870	19	1	203	238	205	—
Commercial and industrial	13,739	15,710	14,956	596	34	5,691	6,327	5,092	27
Consumer	94	98	95	1	—	415	468	421	1
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—
	\$13,833	\$15,808	\$15,051	\$597	\$34	\$6,106	\$6,795	\$5,533	\$28

## Acquired Loans

(in thousands)	Impaired loans with specific allowance					Impaired loans with no specific allowance			
	Loan balance			Specific	Income	Loan balance			Income
	Book	Note	Average	allowance	recognized	Book	Note	Average	recognized
March 31, 2016									
Residential	\$602	\$716	\$645	\$69	\$—	\$300	\$300	\$263	\$—
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	602	716	645	69	—	300	300	263	—

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Residential real estate									
Commercial	331	723	547	27	4	2,255	2,853	2,176	13
Construction of commercial	—	—	—	—	—	258	271	259	—
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	933	1,439	1,192	96	4	2,813	3,424	2,698	13
Commercial and industrial	332	439	83	114	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$1,265	\$1,878	\$1,275	\$210	\$4	\$2,813	\$3,424	\$2,698	\$13

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## Business Activities Loans

(in thousands)	Impaired loans with specific allowance					Impaired loans with no specific allowance			
	Loan balance			Specific allowance	Income recognized	Loan balance			Income recognized
	Book	Note	Average			Book	Note	Average	
December 31, 2015									
Residential 1-4 family	\$7,482	\$8,094	\$6,449	\$610	\$167	\$2,628	\$2,770	\$3,089	\$98
Home equity lines of credit	535	659	260	68	9	184	199	423	2
Residential real estate	8,017	8,753	6,709	678	176	2,812	2,969	3,512	100
Commercial Construction of commercial	3,131	3,405	2,850	113	123	1,142	1,393	1,624	49
Farm land	122	128	9	1	7	—	—	116	—
Vacant land	733	773	400	14	25	298	352	461	—
Real estate secured	2,870	3,836	3,015	29	3	207	241	72	9
Commercial and industrial	14,873	16,895	12,983	835	334	4,459	4,955	5,785	158
Consumer	95	98	145	10	4	431	481	383	22
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	80	108	12	1
	\$14,968	\$16,993	\$13,128	\$845	\$338	\$4,970	\$5,544	\$6,180	\$181

## Acquired Loans

(in thousands)	Impaired loans with specific allowance					Impaired loans with no specific allowance			
	Loan balance			Specific allowance	Income recognized	Loan balance			Income recognized
	Book	Note	Average			Book	Note	Average	
December 31, 2015									
Residential 1-4 family	\$599	\$716	\$273	\$79	\$—	\$177	\$177	\$376	\$7
Home equity lines of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	599	716	273	79	—	177	177	376	7
Commercial Construction of commercial	675	826	698	107	34	2,067	2,843	2,011	32
Farm land	—	—	—	—	—	262	273	167	22
Vacant land	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate secured	1,274	1,542	971	186	34	2,506	3,293	2,554	61
Commercial and industrial	—	—	6	—	—	—	4	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$1,274	\$1,542	\$977	\$186	\$34	\$2,506	\$3,297	\$2,554	\$61



**NOTE 4 - MORTGAGE SERVICING RIGHTS**

March 31, (in thousands)	2016	2015
Residential mortgage loans serviced for others	\$ 129,194	\$ 137,186
Fair value of mortgage servicing rights	1,037	1,355

Changes in mortgage servicing rights are as follows:

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands)	2016	2015
Mortgage Servicing Rights		
Balance, beginning of period	\$486	\$694
Originated	20	62
Amortization (1)	(51 )	(119 )
Balance, end of period	\$455	\$637
Valuation Allowance		
Balance, beginning of period	\$(3 )	\$—
Increase in impairment reserve (1)	(20 )	(9 )
Balance, end of period	(23 )	(9 )
Mortgage servicing rights, net	\$432	\$628

(1) Amortization expense and changes in the impairment reserve are recorded in mortgage servicing, net, in the consolidated statements of income.

**NOTE 5 - PLEDGED ASSETS**

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Securities available-for-sale (at fair value)	\$71,444	\$67,750
Loans receivable	162,284	153,269
Total pledged assets	\$233,728	\$221,019

At March 31, 2016, securities were pledged as follows: \$64.5 million to secure public deposits, \$6.8 million to secure repurchase agreements and \$0.1 million to secure FHLBB advances. Additionally, loans receivable were pledged to secure FHLBB advances and credit facilities.

**NOTE 6 – EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The Company defines unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends as participating securities that are included in computing earnings per share (EPS) using the two-class method.

The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for each share of common stock and participating securities according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under this method, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) are allocated to common shares and participating securities based on their respective rights to receive dividends. Basic EPS excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income allocated to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the entity.

The following table sets forth the computation of earnings per share (basic and diluted) for the periods indicated:

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands, except per share data)	2016	2015
Net income	\$1,512	\$2,234
Less: Preferred stock dividends declared	—	(40 )
Net income available to common shareholders	1,512	2,194
Less: Undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities	(13 )	(19 )
Net income allocated to common stock	\$1,499	\$2,175
Weighted-average common shares issued	2,747	2,723
Less: Unvested restricted stock awards	(24 )	(24 )
Weighted average common shares outstanding used to calculate basic earnings per common share	2,723	2,699
Add: Dilutive effect of stock options	18	17
Weighted-average common shares outstanding used to calculate diluted earnings per common share	2,741	2,716
Earnings per common share (basic)	\$0.55	\$0.81
Earnings per common share (diluted)	\$0.55	\$0.80

#### **NOTE 7 – SHAREHOLDERS’ EQUITY**

##### **Capital Requirements**

Salisbury and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional and discretionary actions by the regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on Salisbury’s and the Bank’s financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, Salisbury and the Bank must meet specific guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Salisbury and the Bank’s capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

In July 2013, the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) approved the final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision’s capital guidelines for bank holding companies and their bank subsidiaries. On July 9, 2013, the FDIC also approved, as an interim final rule, the regulatory capital requirements for U.S. banks, following the actions of the FRB. On April 8, 2014, the FDIC adopted as final its interim final rule, which is identical in substance to the final rules issued by the FRB in July 2013. Under the final rules, minimum requirements will increase for both the quantity and quality of capital held by Salisbury and the Bank. The rules include a new common equity Tier 1 capital risk-weighted assets minimum ratio of 4.5%, raise the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4.0% to 6.0%, require a minimum ratio of Total capital to risk-weighted assets of 8.0%, and require a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4.0%. A new capital conservation buffer, comprised of common equity Tier 1 capital, is also established above the regulatory minimum capital requirements. The implementation of the capital conservation buffer was phased in effective January 1, 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and increases each subsequent January 1, by an additional 0.625% until reaching its final level of 2.5% on January 1, 2019. Strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments were also implemented under the final rules.

The phase-in period for the final rules began for Salisbury on January 1, 2015. As of March 31, 2016, Salisbury and the Bank met each of their capital requirements and the most recent notification from the FDIC categorized the Bank as “well-capitalized.” There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes have changed the Bank’s category.



Actual regulatory capital position and minimum capital requirements as defined "To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions" and "For Capital Adequacy Purposes" for Salisbury and the Bank are as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>March 31, 2016</b>						
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Salisbury	\$93,065	12.92%	\$57,633	8.0%	n/a	—
Bank	90,245	12.53	57,633	8.0	\$72,042	10.0%
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Salisbury	77,000	10.69	43,225	6.0	n/a	—
Bank	84,180	11.68	43,225	6.0	57,633	8.0
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Salisbury	77,000	10.69	40,429	4.5	n/a	—
Bank	84,180	11.68	32,419	4.5	46,827	6.5
Tier 1 Capital (to average assets)						
Salisbury	77,000	8.57	35,937	4.0	n/a	—
Bank	84,180	9.51	35,403	4.0	39,828	5.0
<b>December 31, 2015</b>						
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Salisbury	\$92,030	13.51%	\$54,509	8.0%	n/a	—
Bank	89,249	13.10	54,504	8.0	\$68,131	10.0%
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Salisbury	76,120	11.17	40,878	6.0	n/a	—
Bank	83,340	12.23	40,878	6.0	54,504	8.0
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Salisbury	76,120	11.17	30,659	4.5	n/a	—
Bank	83,340	12.23	30,659	4.5	44,285	6.5
Tier 1 Capital (to average assets)						
Salisbury	76,120	8.56	36,102	4.0	n/a	—
Bank	83,340	9.37	35,593	4.0	44,491	5.0

### Cash Dividends to Common Shareholders

Salisbury's ability to pay cash dividends is substantially dependent on the Bank's ability to pay cash dividends to Salisbury. There are certain restrictions on the payment of cash dividends and other payments by the Bank to Salisbury. Under Connecticut law, the Bank cannot declare a cash dividend except from net profits, defined as the remainder of all earnings from current operations. The total of all cash dividends declared by the Bank in any calendar year shall not, unless specifically approved by the Banking Commissioner, exceed the total of its net profits of that year combined with its retained net profits of the preceding two years.

FRB Supervisory Letter SR 09-4, February 24, 2009, revised March 30, 2009, notes that, as a general matter, the Board of Directors of a Bank Holding Company ("BHC") should inform the Federal Reserve and should eliminate, defer, or significantly reduce dividends if (1) net income available to shareholders for the past four quarters, net of

dividends previously paid during that period, is not sufficient to fully fund the dividends; (2) the prospective rate of earnings retention is not consistent with capital needs and overall current and prospective financial condition; or (3) the BHC will not meet, or is in danger of not meeting, its minimum regulatory capital adequacy ratios. Moreover, a BHC should inform the Federal Reserve reasonably in advance of declaring or paying a dividend that exceeds earnings for the period (e.g., quarter) for which the dividend is being paid or that could result in a material adverse change to the BHC capital structure.

### **Preferred Stock**

In August 2011, Salisbury issued to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury (the “Treasury”) \$16 million of its Series B Preferred Stock under the Small Business Lending Fund (the “SBLF”) program. The SBLF program is a \$30 billion fund established under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 to encourage lending to small businesses by providing Tier 1 capital to qualified community banks with assets of less than \$10 billion. The Preferred Stock qualified as Tier 1 capital for regulatory purposes and ranked senior to the Common Stock.

During fourth quarter 2015, Salisbury completed an offering of \$10 million of unsecured 6.00% fixed-to-floating rate subordinated notes due in 2025. The notes qualify as Tier II capital and are included as such within Salisbury's total risk-based capital ratio.

The net proceeds of the offering, along with cash on hand, were used during the fourth quarter 2015 to redeem the \$16 million of Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock issued in conjunction with Salisbury's participation in the U.S. Treasury's SBLF program.

#### **NOTE 8 – BENEFITS**

Salisbury's 401(k) Plan expense was \$216,000 and \$162,000, respectively, for the three month periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. Other post-retirement benefit obligation expense for endorsement split-dollar life insurance arrangements was \$19,000 and \$18,000 for the three month periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

In 2014, Salisbury terminated the Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Excess assets in the amount of \$1,018,000 were distributed to the Bank's Defined Contribution Plan (401k) and the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) for future allocations to employees. The division of the excess pension assets was 66.67% to the 401k account (or \$679,000) and 33.33% to the ESOP account (or \$339,000).

#### **ESOP**

Salisbury offers an ESOP to eligible employees. Under the Plan, Salisbury may make discretionary contributions to the Plan, which generally vest in full upon six years of qualified service.

Salisbury's ESOP expense was \$36,000 and \$96,000, respectively, for the three month periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. First quarter 2015 included an increased ESOP accrual.

#### **Other Retirement Plans**

A Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") was adopted effective January 1, 2013. This Plan was adopted by the Bank for the benefit of certain key employees ("Executive" or "Executives") who have been selected and approved by the Bank to participate in this Plan and who have evidenced their participation by execution of a Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan Participation Agreement ("Participation Agreement") in a form provided by the Bank. This Plan is intended to comply with Internal Revenue Code ("Code") Section 409A and any regulatory or other guidance issued under such Section.

In 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Bank awarded six (6), seven (7) and six (6) Executives, respectively, with discretionary contributions to the plan. Expenses related to this plan amounted to \$11,000 for the first quarter of 2016 and \$33,000 for the first quarter of 2015. Based on the Executive's date of retirement, the vesting schedule ranges from 7.7% per year to 50% per year.

On January 29, 2016, the Compensation Committee granted a total of 47,470 Phantom Stock Appreciation Units pursuant to its 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan, which was approved by shareholders at the 2011 Annual Meeting, including 23,012 units to three Named Executive Officers. Richard J. Cantele, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer received 11,484 units, John Davies, President New York Region and Chief Lending Officer received 5,963 units and Donald E. White, Chief Financial Officer received 5,565 units. The units will vest on the third anniversary of the grant date.

#### **Grants of Restricted Stock and Options**

On February 16, 2016, 1,350 shares of stock options were exercised at \$21.48 per share by one former Riverside Bank executive.

On January 29, 2016, Salisbury granted a total of 15,800 shares of restricted stock pursuant to its 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan, which was approved by shareholders at the 2011 Annual Meeting, to 42 employees, including 6,000 shares to three Named Executive Officers. Richard J. Cantele, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer received 5,000 and John Davies, President New York Region and Chief Lending Officer and Donald E. White, Chief Financial Officer each received 500 shares. The fair value of the stock as of the grant date was determined to be \$466,000 and the stock will be vested three years from the grant date.

On January 26, 2016, 2,700 shares of stock options were exercised at \$21.48 per share by two former Riverside Bank executives.

On September 28, 2015, 2,700 shares of stock options were exercised at \$21.48 per share by one former Riverside Bank executive.

On February 17, 2015 and February 25, 2015, 1,350 and 5,400 shares of stock options were exercised, respectively, at \$18.52 per share by two former Riverside Bank executives.

On March 27, 2015, Salisbury granted a total of 1,000 shares of restricted stock, pursuant to its 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan, to one (1) Named Executive Officer, Richard J. Cantele, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer. The fair value of the stock as of the grant date was determined to be \$29,000 and the stock vested immediately.

Expense in first quarter 2016 and 2015 related to stock based compensation totaled \$47,000 and \$71,000, respectively. Unrecognized compensation cost relating to the awards as of March 31, 2016 and 2015 totaled \$275,000 and \$271,000, respectively. There were no forfeitures in the first quarter of 2016 or the first quarter of 2015.

**NOTE 9 –ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income is as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Unrealized gains on securities available-for-sale, net of tax	\$ 1,079	\$ 1,125
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net	\$ 1,079	\$ 1,125

**NOTE 10 – FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Salisbury uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Securities available-for-sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, other assets are recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, such as loans held for sale, collateral dependent impaired loans, property acquired through foreclosure or repossession and mortgage servicing rights. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve the application of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting or write-downs of individual assets.

ASC 820-10, “Fair Value Measurement-Overall,” provides a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles. This guidance permitted Salisbury the irrevocable option to elect fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement for certain financial assets and liabilities on a contract-by-contract basis. Salisbury did not elect fair value treatment for any financial assets or liabilities upon adoption.

In accordance with ASC 820-10, Salisbury groups its financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value.

GAAP specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the types of valuation information (“inputs”) are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect Salisbury’s market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1. Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Level 1 also includes U.S. Treasury, other U.S. Government and agency mortgage-backed securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active markets.

Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2. Significant other observable inputs. Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are obtained from third party pricing services for identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Level 3. Significant unobservable inputs. Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, are not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets and liabilities.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Salisbury did not have any significant transfers of assets between levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy during the quarter ended March 31, 2016.

The following is a description of valuation methodologies for assets recorded at fair value, including the general classification of such assets and liabilities pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

**Securities available-for-sale.** Securities available-for-sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Level 1 securities include exchange-traded equity securities. Level 2 securities include debt securities with quoted prices, which are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments, whose value is determined using matrix pricing with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. This category generally includes obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises, mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, municipal bonds, SBA bonds, corporate bonds and certain preferred equities. Level 3 is for positions that are not traded in active markets or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations are adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, and such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used. Subsequent to inception, management only changes level 3 inputs and assumptions when corroborated by evidence such as transactions in similar instruments, completed or pending third-party transactions in the underlying investment or comparable entities, subsequent rounds of financing, recapitalization and other transactions across the capital structure, offerings in the equity or debt markets, and changes in financial ratios or cash flows. Collateral dependent loans that are deemed to be impaired are valued based upon the fair value of the underlying collateral less costs to sell. Such collateral primarily consists of real estate and, to a lesser extent, other business assets. Management may adjust appraised values to reflect estimated market value declines or apply other discounts to appraised values resulting from its knowledge of the property. Internal valuations are utilized to determine the fair value of other business assets. Collateral dependent impaired loans are categorized as Level 3. Other real estate owned acquired through foreclosure or repossession is adjusted to fair value less costs to sell upon transfer out of loans. Subsequently, it is carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value less costs to sell. Fair value is generally based upon independent market prices or appraised values of the collateral. Management adjusts appraised values to reflect estimated market value declines or apply other discounts to appraised values for unobservable factors resulting from its knowledge of the property, and such property is categorized as Level 3. Mortgage servicing assets are accounted for at cost, subject to impairment testing. When the carrying cost exceeds fair value, a valuation allowance is established to reduce the carrying cost to fair value. Fair value is calculated as the present value of estimated future net servicing income and relies on market based assumptions for loan prepayment speeds, servicing costs, discount rates, and other economic factors; as such, the primary risk inherent in valuing mortgage servicing assets is the impact of fluctuating interest rates on the servicing revenue stream. Mortgage servicing assets are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Assets measured at fair value are as follows:

(in thousands)	Fair Value Measurements Using			Assets at fair value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
March 31, 2016				
Assets at fair value on a recurring basis				
U.S. Treasury notes	\$—	\$7,529	\$—	\$7,529
Municipal bonds	—	25,388	—	25,388
Mortgage-backed securities:				
U.S. Government agencies and U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises	—	35,802	—	35,802
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
U.S. Government agencies	—	1,862	—	1,862
Non-agency	—	4,568	—	4,568
SBA bonds	—	2,871	—	2,871
CRA mutual funds	—	779	—	779
Preferred stock	235	—	—	235
Securities available-for-sale	\$235	\$78,799	\$—	\$79,034
Assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis				
Collateral dependent impaired loans	—	—	14,290	14,290
Mortgage servicing rights	—	—	1,037	1,037
December 31, 2015				
Assets at fair value on a recurring basis				
U.S. Treasury notes	\$—	\$2,541	\$—	\$2,541
U.S. Government agency notes	—	498	—	498
Municipal bonds	—	30,385	—	30,385
Mortgage-backed securities:				
U.S. Government agencies and U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises	—	32,202	—	32,202
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
U.S. Government agencies	—	2,014	—	2,014
Non-agency	—	4,948	—	4,948
SBA bonds	—	3,096	—	3,096
CRA mutual funds	—	764	—	764
Preferred stock	246	—	—	246
Securities available-for-sale	\$246	\$76,448	\$—	\$76,694
Assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis				
Collateral dependent impaired loans	—	—	15,211	15,211
Mortgage servicing rights	—	—	1,315	1,315



Carrying values and estimated fair values of financial instruments are as follows:

(in thousands)	Carrying value	Estimated fair value	Fair value measurements using		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>March 31, 2016</b>					
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$31,503	\$31,503	\$31,503	\$—	\$—
Securities available-for-sale	79,034	79,034	235	78,799	—
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	3,117	3,117	—	3,117	—
Loans held-for-sale	183	183	—	—	183
Loans receivable, net	728,845	732,699	—	—	732,699
Accrued interest receivable	2,451	2,451	—	—	2,451
Cash surrender value of life insurance	13,775	13,775	13,775	—	—
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Demand (non-interest-bearing)	\$192,184	\$192,184	\$—	\$—	\$192,184
Demand (interest-bearing)	122,814	122,814	—	—	122,814
Money market	192,357	192,357	—	—	192,357
Savings and other	126,214	126,214	—	—	126,214
Certificates of deposit	122,089	122,952	—	—	122,952
Deposits	755,658	756,521	—	—	756,521
Repurchase agreements	2,620	2,620	—	—	2,620
FHLBB advances	27,031	29,046	—	—	29,046
Subordinated debt	9,770	10,190	—	—	10,190
Note payable	365	404	—	—	404
Capital lease liability	420	895	—	—	895
Accrued interest payable	120	120	—	—	120
<b>December 31, 2015</b>					
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$62,118	\$62,118	\$62,118	\$—	\$—
Securities available-for-sale	76,694	76,694	246	76,448	—
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	3,176	3,176	—	3,176	—
Loans held-for-sale	763	778	—	—	778
Loans receivable, net	699,018	707,154	—	—	707,154
Accrued interest receivable	2,307	2,307	—	—	2,307
Cash surrender value of life insurance	13,685	13,685	13,685	—	—
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Demand (non-interest-bearing)	\$201,340	\$201,340	\$—	\$—	\$201,340
Demand (interest-bearing)	125,465	125,465	—	—	125,465
Money market	183,783	183,783	—	—	183,783
Savings and other	119,651	119,651	—	—	119,651
Certificates of deposit	124,294	125,437	—	—	125,437
Deposits	754,533	755,676	—	—	755,676
Repurchase agreements	3,914	3,914	—	—	3,914
FHLBB advances	26,979	28,559	—	—	28,559
Subordinated debt	9,764	9,764	—	—	9,764
Note payable	376	405	—	—	405
Capital lease liability	422	870	—	—	870
Accrued interest payable	150	150	—	—	150

The carrying amounts of financial instruments shown in the above table are included in the consolidated balance sheets under the indicated captions.



Item 2. **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Salisbury and its subsidiary should be read in conjunction with Salisbury's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Readers should also review other disclosures Salisbury files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

**BUSINESS**

Salisbury, a Connecticut corporation, formed in 1998, is the bank holding company for the Bank, a Connecticut-chartered and FDIC insured commercial bank headquartered in Lakeville, Connecticut. Salisbury's principal business consists of the business of the Bank. The Bank, formed in 1848, is engaged in customary banking activities, including general deposit taking and lending activities to both retail and commercial markets, and trust and wealth advisory services. The Bank conducts its banking business from thirteen full-service offices in the towns of: Canaan, Lakeville, Salisbury and Sharon, Connecticut; Great Barrington, South Egremont and Sheffield, Massachusetts; and, Fishkill, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Red Oaks Mill, Dover Plains and Millerton, New York, and its trust and wealth advisory services from offices in Lakeville, Connecticut. In May 2014, the Bank established a new branch in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. In June 2014, the Bank acquired a branch office and related deposits from another institution in Sharon, Connecticut and consolidated its existing Sharon office with the new branch. In December 2014, the Bank completed its acquisition of Riverside Bank of Poughkeepsie, New York, adding four new offices and a strong commercial lending focus to Salisbury's New York market presence.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Salisbury's consolidated financial statements follow GAAP as applied to the banking industry in which it operates. Application of these principles requires management to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. These estimates, assumptions and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements; accordingly, as this information changes, the financial statements could reflect different estimates, assumptions and judgments and as such have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported. Estimates, assumptions and judgments are necessary when assets and liabilities are required to be recorded at fair value, when a decline in the value of an asset not carried at fair value warrants an impairment write-down or valuation reserve to be established, or when an asset or liability needs to be recorded contingent upon a future event.

Salisbury's significant accounting policies are presented in Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which, along with this Management's Discussion and Analysis, provide information on how significant assets are valued in the financial statements and how those values are determined. Management believes that the following accounting estimates are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating Salisbury's reported financial results, and they require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, resulting from the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

Loans acquired in business combinations are initially recorded at fair value with no carryover of the related allowance for credit losses. Determining the fair value of the loans involves estimating the amount and timing of cash flows initially expected to be collected and discounting those cash flows at an appropriate market rate of interest. The Bank continues to evaluate reasonableness of the timing and the amount of cash to be collected. Subsequent decreases in expected cash flows may result in changes in the amortization or accretion of fair market value adjustments, and in some cases may result in the loan being considered impaired. For collateral dependent loans with deteriorated credit quality, the Bank estimates the fair value of the underlying collateral of the loans. These values are discounted using market derived rates of return, with consideration given to the period of time and costs associated with the foreclosure

and disposition of the collateral.

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The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses is considered a critical accounting estimate because it requires significant judgment and the use of estimates related to the amount and timing of expected future cash flows on impaired loans, estimated losses on pools of homogeneous loans based on historical loss experience, and consideration of current economic trends and conditions, all of which may be susceptible to significant change. The loan portfolio also represents the largest asset type on the balance sheet. Note 1 describes the methodology used to determine the allowance for loan losses. A discussion of the factors driving changes in the amount of the allowance for loan losses are included in the "Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses" section of Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Management evaluates goodwill and identifiable intangible assets for impairment annually using valuation techniques that involve estimates for discount rates, projected future cash flows and time period calculations, all of which are susceptible to change based on changes in economic conditions and other factors. Future events or changes in the estimates, which are used to determine the carrying value of goodwill and identifiable intangible assets or which otherwise adversely affect their value or estimated lives could have a material adverse impact on the results of operations.

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment giving consideration to the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, estimates of future cash flows, delinquencies and default severity, and the intent and ability of Salisbury to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. The consideration of the above factors is subjective and involves estimates and assumptions about matters that are inherently uncertain. Should actual factors and conditions differ materially from those used by management, the actual realization of gains or losses on investment securities could differ materially from the amounts recorded in the financial statements.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITION**

### **Overview**

Total assets were \$891.8 million at March 31, 2016, an increase of \$0.6 million from December 31, 2015. Loans receivable, net, were \$728.8 million at March 31, 2016, an increase of \$29.8 million from December 31, 2015. Non-performing assets of \$16.8 million at March 31, 2016, increased \$0.6 million from \$16.2 million at December 31, 2015. Reserve coverage, as measured by the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to gross loans, was 0.80%, 0.81% and 0.76%, at March 31, 2016, December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2015, respectively. Deposits increased \$1.2 million to \$755.7 million, up from \$754.5 million at December 31, 2015.

At March 31, 2016, book value and tangible book value per common share were \$33.20 and \$27.84, respectively. Salisbury's tier 1 leverage, total risk-based capital, and common equity tier 1 capital ratios were 8.57%, 12.92%, and 10.69%, respectively.

### **Securities and Short Term Funds**

During the first quarter of 2016, securities increased \$2.3 million to \$79.0 million primarily as a result of the purchase of \$10.0 million of mortgage backed securities and treasury bills, partially offset by calls and principal pay downs. FHLBB advances increased \$0.1 million, while cash and cash equivalents (non-time interest-bearing deposits with other banks, money market funds and federal funds sold) decreased \$30.6 million to \$31.5 million.

Salisbury evaluates securities for OTTI where the fair value of a security is less than its amortized cost basis at the balance sheet date. As part of this process, Salisbury considers its intent to sell each debt security and whether it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery. If either of these

conditions is met, Salisbury recognizes an OTTI charge to earnings equal to the entire difference between the security's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. For securities that meet neither of these conditions, an analysis is performed to determine if any of these securities are at risk for OTTI.

Salisbury evaluates securities for strategic fit and may reduce its position in securities, although it is not more likely than not that Salisbury will be required to sell securities before recovery of their cost basis, which may be maturity. Therefore, management does not consider any of its securities, other than four non-agency CMO securities reflecting OTTI, to be OTTI at March 31, 2016.

Salisbury has, and continues to monitor, CMO securities where historical recognition of losses has occurred as a result of OTTI. Salisbury determined, as of March 31, 2016, that additional recognition of OTTI was not required. It is possible that future loss assumptions could change necessitating Salisbury to recognize future OTTI.

## Loans

Net loans receivable increased \$29.8 million to \$728.8 million at March 31, 2016, compared with \$699.0 million at December 31, 2015.

## Loan Credit Quality

During the first three months of 2016, non-performing assets increased \$0.6 million primarily from the addition of five relationships, and partially offset by repayments and charged off loans.

During the first quarter of 2016, total impaired and potential problem loans increased by \$3.5 million to \$30.6 million, or 4.2% of gross loans receivable at March 31, 2016, from \$27.1 million, compared to 3.8% of gross loans receivable at December 31, 2015.

## Changes in impaired and potential problem loans are as follows:

Three months ended (in thousands)	March 31, 2016				March 31, 2015			
	Impaired loans Non- accrual	Accruing	Potential problem loans	Total	Impaired loans Non- accrual	Accruing	Potential problem loans	Total
Loans placed on non-accrual status	\$1,316	\$(229 )	\$(564 )	\$523	\$4,892	\$(2,208 )	\$(2,547 )	\$137
Loans restored to accrual status	—	—	—	—	(340 )	340	—	—
Loan risk rating downgrades to substandard	—	—	3,754	3,754	—	—	40	40
Loan risk rating upgrades from substandard	—	—	—	—	—	—	(156 )	(156 )
Loan repayments	(492 )	(46 )	15	(523 )	(80 )	(79 )	(269 )	(428 )
Loan charge-offs	(187 )	—	(30 )	(217 )	(362 )	—	—	(362 )
Increase (decrease) in TDR loans	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate acquired in settlement of loans	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inter-month tax advances	18	—	—	18	17	—	—	17
Increase (decrease) in loans	\$655	\$(275 )	\$3,175	\$3,555	\$4,127	\$(1,947 )	\$(2,932 )	\$(752 )

During the first quarter of 2016, Salisbury placed \$1.3 million of loans on non-accrual status as a result of deteriorated payment and financial performance and charged-off \$217,000 of loans primarily as a result of collateral deficiencies.

Salisbury has cooperative relationships with the vast majority of its non-performing loan customers. Substantially all non-performing loans are collateralized with real estate and the repayment of such loans is largely dependent on the return of such loans to performing status or the liquidation of the underlying real estate collateral. Salisbury pursues the resolution of all non-performing loans through collections, restructures, voluntary liquidation of collateral by the borrower and, where necessary, legal action. When attempts to work with a customer to return a loan to performing status, including restructuring the loan, are unsuccessful, Salisbury will initiate appropriate legal action seeking to

acquire property by deed in lieu of foreclosure or through foreclosure, or to liquidate business assets.



### Credit Quality Segments

Salisbury categorizes loans receivable into the following credit quality segments:

Impaired loans consist of all non-accrual loans and troubled debt restructured loans, and represent loans for which it is probable that Salisbury will not be able to collect all principal and interest amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreements.

Non-accrual loans, a sub-set of impaired loans, are loans for which the accrual of interest has been discontinued because, in the opinion of management, full collection of principal or interest is unlikely.

Non-performing loans consist of non-accrual loans, and accruing loans past due 90 days and over that are well collateralized, in the process of collection and where full collection of principal and interest is reasonably assured.

Non-performing assets consist of non-performing loans plus real estate acquired in settlement of loans.

Troubled debt restructured loans are loans for which concessions such as reduction of interest rates, other than normal market rate adjustments, or deferral of principal or interest payments, extension of maturity dates, or reduction of principal balance or accrued interest, have been granted due to a borrower's financial condition. Loan restructuring is employed when management believes the granting of a concession will increase the probability of the full or partial collection of principal and interest.

- Potential problem loans consist of performing loans that have been assigned a substandard credit risk rating and are not classified as impaired.

### Credit Risk Ratings

Salisbury assigns credit risk ratings to loans receivable in order to manage credit risk and to determine the allowance for loan losses. Credit risk ratings categorize loans by common financial and structural characteristics that measure the credit strength of a borrower. Salisbury's rating model has eight risk rating grades, with each grade corresponding to a progressively greater risk of default. Grades 1 through 4 are pass ratings and 5 through 8 are ratings (special mention, substandard, doubtful, and loss) defined by the bank's regulatory agencies, the FDIC and CTDOB. Risk ratings are assigned to differentiate risk within the portfolio and are reviewed on an ongoing basis and revised, if needed, to reflect changes in the borrowers' current financial position and outlook, risk profiles and the related collateral and structural positions.

Loans risk rated as "special mention" possess credit deficiencies or potential weaknesses deserving management's close attention that if left uncorrected may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loans at some future date.

Loans risk rated as "substandard" are loans where the Bank's position is clearly not protected adequately by borrower current net worth or payment capacity. These loans have well defined weaknesses based on objective evidence and include loans where future losses to the Bank may result if deficiencies are not corrected, and loans where the primary source of repayment such as income is diminished and the Bank must rely on sale of collateral or other secondary sources of collection.

Loans risk rated as "doubtful" have the same weaknesses as substandard loans with the added characteristic that the weakness makes collection or liquidation in full, given current facts, conditions, and values, to be highly improbable. The possibility of loss is high, but due to certain important and reasonably specific pending factors, which may work to strengthen the loan, its reclassification as an estimated loss is deferred until its exact status can be determined.

Loans risk rated as "loss" are considered uncollectible and of such little value that continuance as Bank assets is unwarranted. This classification does not mean that the loan has absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but rather, it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off this loan even though partial recovery may be made in the future. Management actively reviews and tests its credit risk ratings against actual experience and engages an independent third-party to annually validate its assignment of credit risk ratings. In addition, the Bank's loan portfolio and risk ratings are examined annually on a rotating basis by its two primary regulatory agencies, the FDIC and CTDOB.

Impaired Loans

Loans individually evaluated for impairment (impaired loans) are loans for which Salisbury does not expect to collect all contractual principal and interest in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan. Impaired loans include all modified loans classified as troubled debt restructurings (TDRs) and loans on non-accrual status. The components of impaired loans are as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Troubled debt restructured loans, accruing	\$7,269	\$7,544
Troubled debt restructured loans, non-accrual	3,327	3,044
All other non-accrual loans	13,502	13,130
Total impaired loans	\$24,098	\$23,718
Commitments to lend additional amounts to impaired borrowers	\$—	\$—

Non-Performing Assets

Non-performing assets increased \$0.6 million to \$16.8 million, or 1.9% of assets at March 31, 2016, from \$16.2 million, or 1.8% of assets at December 31, 2015, and increased \$2.0 million from \$14.9 million, or 1.7% of assets at March 31, 2015.

The 3.4% increase in non-performing assets in the first three months of 2016 resulted primarily from \$1.3 million of loans placed on non-accrual status. This increase was offset in part by \$0.5 million in payoffs and repayments and \$0.2 million charged off.

The components of non-performing assets are as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Residential 1-4 family	\$ 6,613	\$ 6,446
Residential 5+ multifamily	123	89
Home equity lines of credit	701	601
Commercial	4,654	4,611
Farm land	1,024	1,031
Vacant land	2,854	2,855
Real estate secured	15,969	15,633
Commercial and industrial	861	461
Consumer	—	80
Non-accruing loans	16,830	16,174
Accruing loans past due 90 days and over	—	90
Non-performing loans	16,830	16,264
Real estate acquired in settlement of loans	—	—
Non-performing assets	\$ 16,830	\$ 16,264

The past due status of non-performing loans is as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Current	\$4,334	\$4,496
Past due 001-029 days	357	362
Past due 030-059 days	446	306
Past due 060-089 days	743	27
Past due 090-179 days	615	1,320
Past due 180 days and over	10,335	9,753

Total non-performing loans \$16,830 \$16,264

At March 31, 2016, 25.75% of non-performing loans were current with respect to loan payments, compared with 27.65% at December 31, 2015. Loans past due 180 days include a \$2.8 million loan secured by vacant land (residential building lots) where Salisbury has initiated a foreclosure action that is referred to in Item 1 of Part II, Legal Proceedings.

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Troubled Debt Restructured Loans

Troubled debt restructured loans improved slightly as a percentage of gross loans during first quarter 2016 at \$10.6 million, or 1.44% of gross loans receivable at March 31, 2016, compared to \$10.6 million, or 1.50% of gross loans receivable at December 31, 2015.

The components of troubled debt restructured loans are as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Residential 1-4 family	\$4,329	\$4,351
Home equity lines of credit	117	118
Personal	—	222
Vacant land	219	122
Commercial	2,540	2,666
Real estate secured	7,205	7,479
Commercial and industrial	63	65
Accruing troubled debt restructured loans	7,268	7,544
Residential 1-4 family	1,235	1,149
Commercial	1,763	1,554
Real estate secured	2,998	2,703
Commercial and industrial	330	341
Non-accrual troubled debt restructured loans	3,328	3,044
Troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 10,596	\$ 10,588

The past due status of troubled debt restructured loans is as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Current	\$6,315	\$6,771
Past due 1-29 days	219	453
Past due 30-59 days	445	320
Past due 60-89 days	290	—
Accruing troubled debt restructured loans	7,269	7,544
Current	1,535	1,810
Past due 1-29 days	—	—
Past due 30-59 days	73	28
Past due 60-89 days	284	—
Past due 90-179 days	229	1,206
Past due 180 days and over	1,206	—
Non-accrual troubled debt restructured loans	3,327	3,044
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 10,596	\$ 10,588

At March 31, 2016, 74.08% of troubled debt restructured loans were current with respect to loan payments, as compared with 81.04% at December 31, 2015.

Past Due Loans

Loans past due 30 days or more increased \$4.2 million during first quarter 2016 to \$20.1 million, or 2.74% of gross loans receivable at March 31, 2016, compared with \$15.9 million, or 2.26% of gross loans receivable at December 31, 2015.

The components of loans past due 30 days or greater are as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Past due 030-059 days	\$6,835	\$3,533
Past due 060-089 days	1,160	966
Past due 090-179 days	—	—
Past due 180 days and over	—	90
Accruing loans	7,995	4,589
Past due 030-059 days	446	306
Past due 060-089 days	743	27
Past due 090-179 days	615	1,320
Past due 180 days and over	10,334	9,663
Non-accrual loans	12,138	11,316
Total loans past due 30 days or greater	\$20,133	\$15,905

Potential Problem Loans

Potential problem loans increased \$3.2 million during the three months of 2016 to \$6.5 million, or 0.89% of gross loans receivable at March 31, 2016, compared with \$3.3 million, or 0.48% of gross loans receivable at December 31, 2015.

The components of potential problem loans are as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Residential 1-4 family	\$1,355	\$655
Residential 5+ multifamily	—	—
Construction of residential 1-4 family	—	—
Home equity lines of credit	130	150
Residential real estate	1,485	805
Commercial	4,839	2,030
Construction of commercial	—	—
Commercial real estate	4,839	2,030
Farm land	—	—
Vacant land	23	23
Real estate secured	6,347	2,858
Commercial and industrial	168	478
Consumer	2	6
Other classified loans receivable	\$6,517	\$3,342

The past due status of potential problem loans is as follows:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Current	\$5,183	\$2,716
Past due 001-029 days	24	229
Past due 030-059 days	1,211	150
Past due 060-089 days	99	247
Past due 090-179 days	—	—
Total potential problem loans	\$6,517	\$3,342

At March 31, 2016, 79.53% of potential problem loans were current with respect to loan payments, as compared with 81.27% at December 31, 2015.

Management cannot predict the extent to which economic or other factors may impact such borrowers' future payment capacity, and there can be no assurance that such loans will not be placed on nonaccrual status, restructured, or require increased provisions for loan losses.

## Deposits and Borrowings

Deposits increased \$1.1 million during first quarter 2016 to \$755.7 million, from \$754.5 million at December 31, 2015, and increased \$30.8 million year-over-year from \$724.9 million at March 31, 2015. Retail repurchase agreements decreased \$1.3 million during first quarter 2016 to \$2.6 million, compared with \$3.9 million at December 31, 2015, and decreased \$0.7 million for year-over-year compared with \$3.3 million at March 31, 2015.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLBB) advances are unchanged at \$27.0 million as of March 31, 2016, when compared to \$27.0 million at December 31, 2015, and decreased \$1.4 million year-over-year from \$28.4 million at March 31, 2015. The decreases were due to amortizing payments of advances, maturities of advances that were not renewed, and in accordance with ASC 470-50 for two advances which were modified during the quarter ending September 30, 2015. The modification extended \$21.0 million in advances a weighted average period of 39 months.

## Liquidity

Salisbury manages its liquidity position to ensure that there is sufficient funding availability at all times to meet both anticipated and unanticipated deposit withdrawals, loan originations and advances, securities purchases and other operating cash outflows. Salisbury's primary sources of liquidity are principal payments and maturities of securities and loans, short-term borrowings through repurchase agreements and FHLBB advances, net deposit growth and funds provided by operations. Liquidity can also be provided through sales of loans and available-for-sale securities.

Salisbury manages its liquidity in accordance with a liquidity funding policy, and also maintains a contingency funding plan that provides for the prompt and comprehensive response to unexpected demands for liquidity. At March 31, 2016, Salisbury's liquidity ratio, as represented by cash, short term available-for-sale securities and marketable assets to net deposits and short term unsecured liabilities, was 18.08%, down from 22.67% at December 31, 2015. Management believes Salisbury's funding sources will meet anticipated funding needs.

Operating activities for the three-month period ended March 31, 2016 provided net cash of \$2.9 million. Investing activities utilized net cash of \$32.7 million, principally from \$30.0 million of net loan originations and principal collections and \$10.1 million of purchases of securities available-for-sale offset by proceeds of \$7.6 million from sales, calls, and maturities of securities available-for-sale. Financing activities utilized net cash of \$0.8 million, principally due common stock dividends paid totaling \$0.8 million.

At March 31, 2016, Salisbury had outstanding commitments to fund new loan originations of \$25.1 million and unused lines of credit of \$119.4 million. Salisbury believes that these commitments can be met in the normal course of business. Salisbury believes that its liquidity sources will continue to provide funding sufficient to support operating activities, loan originations and commitments, and deposit withdrawals.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****For the three month periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015****OVERVIEW**

Net income available to common shareholders was \$1.5 million, or \$0.55 per common share, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2016 (first quarter 2016), compared with \$2.1 million, or \$0.78 per common share, for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015 (fourth quarter 2015), and \$2.2 million, or \$0.81 per common share, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2015 (first quarter 2015).

Earnings per common share of \$0.55 decreased \$0.23 versus fourth quarter 2015, and decreased \$0.26, versus first quarter 2015. The earnings for the quarter were down as compared to the fourth and first quarter 2015 primarily as the result of a lesser interest income benefit from the purchased loan portfolio, increased interest expenses related to our issuance of the subordinated debt offering last December, an increase in expenses related to adjustments from sold loans serviced for others, and an increase in provision for loan losses as a result of the exceptional loan growth.

The net interest margin of 3.80% decreased 8 basis points versus 3.88% for the fourth quarter 2015 and decreased 31 basis points versus 4.11% for the first quarter 2015.

Net loans increased \$29.8 million, or 4.3%, in the first quarter 2016 to \$728.8 million versus the fourth quarter 2015 and increased \$52.1 million, or 7.7% versus the first quarter 2015.

Interest income for the first quarter reflects net accretion related to the fair value adjustments of loans acquired in the Riverside Bank acquisition in the amount of \$586,000 (\$443,000 net of impairments). The fourth quarter and first quarter of 2015 included similar adjustments of \$691,000 (\$728,000 net of impairments) and \$650,000 (\$650,000 net of impairments), respectively.

Provision for loan loss expense (benefit) was \$463,000 for first quarter 2016 versus \$266,000 for fourth quarter 2015, and (\$200,000) for first quarter 2015. Net loan charge-offs (recoveries) were \$302,000 for the first quarter 2016, \$209,000 for fourth quarter 2015 and (\$24,000) for the first quarter 2015. Included in the provision expense are impairments related to ASC310-30 acquired loans of \$143,000 for the first quarter 2016, (\$28,000) for the fourth quarter 2015, and \$0 for the first quarter 2015. Reserve coverage, as measured by the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to gross loans, was 0.80% for the first quarter 2016, versus 0.81% for fourth quarter 2015 and 0.76% for first quarter 2015.

Tax equivalent net interest income for first quarter 2016 decreased \$250,000, or 3.0%, versus fourth quarter 2015, and decreased \$264,000 or 3.2%, versus first quarter 2015.

**Net Interest Income**

Tax equivalent net interest income for first quarter 2016 decreased \$250,000, or 3.0%, versus fourth quarter 2015, and decreased \$264,000 or 3.2%, versus first quarter 2015. Average earning assets decreased \$3.2 million versus fourth quarter 2015, and increased \$37.4 million versus first quarter 2015. Average total interest bearing deposits increased \$3.7 million versus fourth quarter 2015 and increased \$2.3 million versus first quarter 2015. The net interest margin of 3.80% decreased 8 basis points versus 3.88% for the fourth quarter 2015 and decreased 31 basis points versus 4.11% for the first quarter 2015.



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The following table sets forth the components of Salisbury's fully tax-equivalent ("FTE") net interest income and yields on average interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

Three months ended March 31, (dollars in thousands)	Average Balance		Income / Expense		Average Yield / Rate	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Loans (a)(d)	\$721,618	\$681,277	\$8,101	\$8,029	4.47 %	4.72 %
Securities (c)(d)	72,964	84,356	718	921	3.94	4.37
FHLBB stock	3,157	3,515	28	15	3.55	1.78
Short term funds (b)	41,618	32,780	46	18	0.45	0.21
Total interest-earning assets	839,357	801,928	8,893	8,983	4.23	4.49
Other assets	59,079	61,078				
Total assets	\$898,436	\$863,006				
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$125,733	\$117,193	77	76	0.25	0.26
Money market accounts	189,167	173,268	135	114	0.28	0.27
Savings and other	123,299	127,118	53	54	0.17	0.17
Certificates of deposit	123,207	141,568	243	200	0.79	0.83
Total interest-bearing deposits	561,406	559,147	508	444	0.36	0.32
Repurchase agreements	3,083	3,408	1	1	0.14	0.18
Note payable	373	—	5	—	5.44	0.00
Subordinated debt	9,767	—	156	—	6.39	0.00
Capital lease	421	423	18	18	17.10	16.57
FHLBB advances	27,002	28,545	231	282	3.39	3.95
Total interest-bearing liabilities	602,052	591,523	919	745	0.61	0.51
Demand deposits	196,212	160,324				
Other liabilities	8,928	8,071				
Shareholders' equity	91,244	103,088				
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	\$898,436	\$863,006				
Net interest income			\$7,974	\$8,238		
Spread on interest-bearing funds					3.62	3.98
Net interest margin (e)					3.80	4.11

(a) Includes non-accrual loans.

(b) Includes interest-bearing deposits in other banks and federal funds sold.

(c) Average balances of securities are based on historical cost.

(d) Includes tax exempt income benefit of \$315,000 and \$312,000, respectively, for 2016 and 2015 on tax-exempt securities and loans whose income and yields are calculated on a tax-equivalent basis.

(e) Net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

The following table sets forth the changes in FTE interest due to volume and rate.

Three months ended March 31, (in thousands)	2016 versus 2015		
Change in interest due to	Volume	Rate	Net
Interest-earning assets			
Loans	\$464	\$(392)	\$72
Securities	(119)	(84)	(203)
FHLBB stock	(1)	14	13
Short term funds	7	21	28
Total	351	(441)	(90)
Interest-bearing liabilities			
Deposits	(17)	81	64

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Repurchase agreements	—	—	—
Note payable	3	2	5
Subordinated debt	78	78	156
Capital lease	—	—	—
FHLBB advances	(14 )	(37 )	(51 )
Total	50	124	174
Net change in net interest income	\$301	\$(565)	\$(264)

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Interest Income

Tax equivalent interest income decreased \$0.3 million to \$8.0 million for first quarter 2016 as compared with first quarter 2015.

Loan income as compared to first quarter 2015 increased \$0.1 million, or 0.9%, primarily due to a \$40.3 million, or 5.6%, increase in average loans, partially offset by a 25 basis point decrease in the average loan yield. The first quarter of 2016 reflects the net accretion of \$586,000 related to fair value adjustments of loans related to the Riverside acquisition compared to net accretion of \$650,000 in first quarter 2015. Additionally, recoveries in excess of book value of previously charged off loans also contributed \$34,000 to interest income in the first quarter of 2015.

Tax equivalent securities income decreased \$0.2 million, or 21.9%, for first quarter 2016 as compared with first quarter 2015, primarily due to an \$11.4 million, or 13.5%, decrease in average volume due to calls, prepayments of mortgage-backed securities, sales of municipal bonds and by a 43 basis point decrease in average yield.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$0.2 million, or 23.4%, to \$0.9 million for first quarter 2016 as compared with first quarter 2015.

Interest on deposit accounts increased \$0.1 million, or 14.6%, as a result of a \$2.3 million increase in the average balances and by higher average deposit rates, up 4 basis points. The higher average rate resulted from the effect of market interest rates paid on interest bearing deposits and changes in product mix.

Interest expense on FHLBB borrowings decreased \$0.1 million as a result of the lower average borrowing rate, down 56 basis points, and an average balance decrease of \$1.5 million as compared with first quarter 2015. Interest expense on subordinated debt totaled \$156,000 for first quarter 2016.

**Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses**

Provision for loan loss expense (benefit) was \$463,000 for first quarter 2016 versus (\$200,000) for first quarter 2015. Included in the provision are impairments related to ASC310-30 purchased loans of \$143,000 for the first quarter 2016 and \$0 for the first quarter 2015. Net loan charge-offs (recoveries) were \$302,000 for the first quarter 2016 and (\$24,000) for the first quarter 2015. Reserve coverage, as measured by the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to gross loans, was 0.80% for the first quarter 2016, versus 0.76% for first quarter 2015.

The following table details the principal categories of credit quality ratios:

March 31, (dollars in thousands)	2016	2015
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans receivable, gross	0.17 %	(0.01 )%
Non-performing loans to loans receivable, gross	2.29	2.05
Accruing loans past due 30-89 days to loans receivable, gross	1.09	0.82
Allowance for loan losses to loans receivable, gross	0.80	0.76
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	34.92	37.02
Non-performing assets to total assets	1.89	1.72

The ratio of non-performing loans (non-accrual loans and accruing loans past-due 90 days or more) to gross loans receivable increased to 2.29% at March 31, 2016 compared to 2.05% at March 31, 2015. Such increase in non-performing loans is concentrated among a few specific relationships and is not considered to be generally indicative of any adverse trend. The ratio of accruing loans past due 30-89 days to gross loans receivable increased to 1.09% from 0.82% at March 31, 2015.

The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of the probable credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the reporting date. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to earnings and by recoveries of amounts previously charged off, and is reduced by loan charge-offs. Loan charge-offs are recognized when management determines a loan, or portion of a loan, to be uncollectible. The allowance for loan losses is computed by segregating the portfolio into three components: (1) loans collectively evaluated for impairment: general loss allocation factors for non-impaired loans are segmented into pools of loans based on similar risk characteristics such as loan product, collateral type and loan-to-value, loan risk rating, historical loss experience, delinquency factors and other similar economic indicators, (2) loans individually evaluated for impairment: individual loss allocations for loans deemed to be impaired based on discounted cash flows or collateral value, and (3) unallocated: general loss allocations for other environmental factors.

Impaired loans and certain potential problem loans, when warranted, are individually evaluated for impairment. Impairment is measured for each individual loan, or for a borrower's aggregate loan exposure, using either the fair value of the collateral, less estimated costs to sell if the loan is collateral dependent, or the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. A specific allowance is generally established when the collateral value or discounted cash flows of the loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan.

The component of the allowance for loan losses for loans collectively evaluated for impairment is estimated by stratifying loans into segments and credit risk ratings and then applying management's general loss allocation factors. The general loss allocation factors are based on expected loss experience adjusted for historical loss experience and other qualitative factors, including levels or trends in delinquencies; trends in volume and terms of loans; effects of changes in risk selection and underwriting standards and other changes in lending policies, procedures and practices; experience/ability/depth of lending management and staff; and national and local economic trends and conditions. The qualitative factors are determined based on the various risk characteristics of each loan segment. There were no significant changes in Salisbury's policies or methodology pertaining to the general component of the allowance for loan losses during first quarter 2016.

The unallocated component of the allowance is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. It reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating allocated and general reserves in the portfolio. Additionally reserves are established for off balance sheet exposures.

Determining the adequacy of the allowance and reserves at any given period is difficult, particularly during deteriorating or uncertain economic periods, and management must make estimates using assumptions and information that are often subjective and changing rapidly. The review of credit exposure related to loans is a continuing event in light of a changing economy and the dynamics of the banking and regulatory environment. Should the economic climate deteriorate, borrowers could experience difficulty and the level of non-performing loans, charge-offs and delinquencies could rise, requiring increased provisions and reserves. In management's judgment, Salisbury remains adequately reserved both against total loans and non-performing loans at March 31, 2016.

Management's loan risk rating assignments, loss percentages and specific reserves are subjected annually to an independent credit review by an external firm. In addition, the Bank is examined annually on a rotational basis by one of its two primary regulatory agencies, the FDIC and CTDOB. As an integral part of their examination process, the FDIC and CTDOB review the adequacy and methodology of the Bank's credit risk ratings and allowance for loan losses.

### Non-Interest Income

The following table details the principal categories of non-interest income.

Three months ended March 31, (dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2016 vs. 2015	
Trust and wealth advisory fees	\$784	\$822	\$(38 )	(4.62 )%
Service charges and fees	730	731	(1 )	(0.14 )
Gains on sales of mortgage loans, net	39	94	(55 )	(58.51 )
Mortgage servicing, net	12	(40 )	52	130.00
Gains on sales of available-for-sale securities, net	2	175	(173 )	(98.86 )
Other	117	114	3	2.63
Total non-interest income	\$1,684	\$1,896	\$(212 )	(11.18 )%

Non-interest income decreased \$212,000, or 11.18% in 2016 versus 2015. Trust and wealth advisory revenues decreased \$38,000 versus first quarter 2015. The year-over-year revenue decrease is the result of fewer estate fees

collected in first quarter 2016. Service charges and fees decreased \$1,000 versus first quarter 2015. Income from sales and servicing of mortgage loans decreased \$3,000 versus first quarter 2015 due to a decrease in servicing values as a result of a decline in the discount rate. First quarter 2016 mortgage loans sales totaled \$1.8 million versus \$2.1 million for first quarter 2015. First quarter 2016 and first quarter 2015 included mortgage servicing amortization and periodic impairment charges (net) of \$71,000 and \$128,000, respectively. Gain on sale and calls of securities for the first quarter 2016 totaled \$2,000. Gains recognized in the first quarter of 2016 resulted from called securities, and gains in first quarter 2015 resulted from called and sold securities. Other income includes bank owned life insurance income and rental income.

**Non-Interest Expense**

The following table details the principal categories of non-interest expense.

Three months ended March 31, (dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2016 vs. 2015	
Salaries	\$2,574	\$2,540	\$34	1.34 %
Employee benefits	1,088	1,005	83	8.26
Premises and equipment	895	908	(13 )	(1.43 )
Data processing	447	474	(27 )	(5.70 )
Professional fees	380	650	(270)	(41.54)
Collections and OREO	157	244	(87 )	(35.66)
FDIC insurance	134	198	(64 )	(32.32)
Marketing and community support	200	110	90	81.82
Amortization of intangible assets	155	169	(14 )	(8.28 )
Other	810	537	273	50.84
Non-interest expense	\$6,840	\$6,835	\$5	0.07 %

Non-interest expense for first quarter 2016 increased \$5,000 versus first quarter 2015. Total salaries and benefits expense increased \$117,000 versus first quarter 2015. The total compensation expenses year-over-year increase of \$117,000 is mainly attributable to increased staffing levels and timing differences related to the 401K match and payroll taxes associated with the prior year's performance related compensation. Premises and equipment decreased \$13,000 versus first quarter 2015, mainly related to lower fuel and utility costs. Data processing decreased \$27,000 versus first quarter 2015. Tax preparation expenses totaling \$18,000 were reclassified from data processing to consulting in 2016. Professional fees decreased \$270,000 versus first quarter 2015, which included consulting and audit fees related to the Riverside merger. Loan related expenses decreased \$87,000 versus first quarter 2015, mainly due to the write-downs associated with OREO properties in first quarter 2015. Other expense increased \$273,000 versus first quarter 2015 primarily as a result of expenses related to sold loans serviced for others.

**Income Taxes**

The effective income tax rates for first quarter 2016 and first quarter 2015 were 25.9% and 29.9%, respectively. Generally, fluctuations in the effective tax rate result from changes in the mix of taxable and tax exempt income. The sale of \$3.9 million of municipal securities in first quarter 2015 contributed to the increase in the effective tax rate for that quarter. Salisbury's effective tax rate is generally less than the 34% federal statutory rate due to holdings of tax-exempt municipal bonds and loans as well as bank owned life insurance.

Salisbury did not incur Connecticut income tax in 2015 or 2014, other than minimum state income tax, as a result of its utilization of Connecticut tax legislation that permits banks to shelter certain mortgage income from the Connecticut corporation business tax through the use of a special purpose entity called a Passive Investment Company ("PIC"). In accordance with this legislation, in 2004 the Bank formed a PIC, SBT Mortgage Service Corporation. Salisbury's income tax provision reflects the full impact of the Connecticut legislation.

**CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Shareholders' equity was \$91.4 million at March 31, 2016, up \$0.8 million from December 31, 2015. Book value and tangible book value per common share were \$33.20 and \$27.84, respectively, compared with \$33.13 and \$27.69, respectively, at December 31, 2015. Contributing to the increase in shareholders' equity for year-to-date 2016 was net income of \$1.5 million and issued stock of \$0.1 million, partially offset by common stock dividends of \$0.8 million. Accumulated other comprehensive income consists of unrealized gains on securities available-for-sale, net of tax, of \$1.1 million as of March 31, 2016.

In August 2011, Salisbury issued to the Treasury \$16 million of its Series B Preferred Stock under the SBLF program. The SBLF program is a \$30 billion fund established under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 to encourage lending to small businesses by providing Tier 1 capital to qualified community banks with assets of less than \$10 billion. The Preferred Stock qualified as Tier 1 capital for regulatory purposes and ranked senior to the Common Stock.



The Series B Preferred Stock paid noncumulative dividends. The dividend rate on the Series B Preferred Stock for the initial quarterly dividend period ended September 30, 2011, and each of the next nine quarterly dividend periods the Series B Preferred Stock was outstanding, was determined each quarter based on the increase in the Bank's Qualified Small Business Lending. The dividend rate for the quarterly dividend period ended December 31, 2016, was 1.0%. For the eleventh quarterly dividend period through four and one-half years after its issuance, the dividend rate on the Series B Preferred Stock was 1.0% and after four and one-half years from its issuance the dividend rate would have been fixed at 9.0% per annum. In December 2015, Salisbury issued \$10 million of subordinated debentures and used the proceeds along with other cash-on-hand to redeem all of the Series B Preferred Stock.

On February 16, 2016, 1,350 shares of stock options were exercised at \$21.48 per share by one former Riverside Bank executive.

On January 26, 2016, 2,700 shares of stock options were exercised at \$21.48 per share by two former Riverside Bank executives.

On September 28, 2015, 2,700 shares of stock options were exercised at \$21.48 per share by one former Riverside Bank executive.

On February 17, 2015 and February 25, 2015, 1,350 and 5,400 shares of stock options were exercised, respectively, at \$18.52 per share by two former Riverside Bank executives.

On January 29, 2016, Salisbury granted a total of 15,800 shares of restricted stock pursuant to its 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan, which was approved by shareholders at the 2011 Annual Meeting, to 42 employees, including 6,000 shares to three Named Executive Officers. Richard J. Cantele, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer received 5,000 and John Davies, President New York Region and Chief Lending Officer and Donald E. White, Chief Financial Officer each received 500 shares. The fair value of the stock as of the grant date was determined to be \$466,000 and the stock will be vested three years from the grant date.

On March 27, 2015, Salisbury granted a total of 1,000 shares of restricted stock, pursuant to its 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan, to one (1) Named Executive Officer, Richard J. Cantele, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer. The fair value of the stock as of the grant date was determined to be \$29,000 and the stock vested immediately.

## **Capital Requirements**

Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional and discretionary actions by the regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on Salisbury's and the Bank's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, Salisbury and the Bank must meet specific guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Salisbury and the Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Salisbury and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Salisbury and the Bank must meet specific guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices.

Under current regulatory definitions, Salisbury and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject and the Bank is considered to be well-capitalized. As a result, the Bank pays lower federal deposit insurance premiums than those banks that are not "well-capitalized." Requirements for classification as a well-capitalized institution and for minimum capital adequacy along with Salisbury's and the Bank's regulatory capital ratios are as

follows:

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Salisbury	Bank	Salisbury	Bank
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	12.92 %	12.53%	13.51 %	13.10%
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	10.69	11.68	11.17	12.23
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	10.69	11.68	11.17	12.23
Tier 1 Capital (to average assets)	8.57	9.51	8.56	9.37

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A well-capitalized institution, which is the highest capital category for an institution as defined by the Prompt Corrective Action regulations issued by the FDIC and the FRB, is one which maintains a Total Risk-Based ratio of 10% or above, a Tier 1 Risk-Based ratio of 8% or above, a Common Equity to Tier 1 ratio of 6.5% or above, and a Leverage ratio of 5% or above, and is not subject to any written order, written agreement, capital directive, or prompt corrective action directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level. Maintaining strong capital is essential to Salisbury and the Bank's safety and soundness. However, the effective management of capital resources requires generating attractive returns on equity to build value for shareholders while maintaining appropriate levels of capital to fund growth, meet regulatory requirements and be consistent with prudent industry practices.

In July 2013, the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) approved the final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's capital guidelines for bank holding companies and their bank subsidiaries. On July 9, 2013, the FDIC also approved, as an interim final rule, the regulatory capital requirements for U.S. banks, following the actions of the FRB. On April 8, 2014, the FDIC adopted as final its interim final rule, which is identical in substance to the final rules issued by the FRB in July 2013. Under the final rules, minimum requirements will increase for both the quantity and quality of capital held by the Bank and Company. The rules include a new common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets minimum ratio of 4.5%, raise the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4.0% to 6.0%, require a minimum ratio of Total capital to risk-weighted assets of 8.0%, and require a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4.0%. A new capital conservation buffer, comprised of common equity Tier 1 capital, is also established above the regulatory minimum capital requirements. This capital conservation buffer is being phased in beginning January 1, 2016 at 0.625% of risk-weighted assets and increases each subsequent year by an additional 0.625% until reaching its final level of 2.50% on January 1, 2019. Strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments were also implemented under the final rules.

The phase-in period for the final rules began for Salisbury and the Bank on January 1, 2015. As of March 31, 2016, the Company and the Bank met each of their capital requirements and the most recent notification from the FDIC categorized the Bank as "well-capitalized." There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes have changed the Bank's category.

### Dividends

During the three month period ended March 31, 2016, Salisbury paid \$772,000 in common stock dividends.

On April 29, 2016, the Board of Directors of Salisbury declared a common stock dividend of \$0.28 per common share payable on May 27, 2016 to shareholders of record on May 13, 2016. Common stock dividends, when declared, will generally be paid the last Friday of February, May, August and November, although Salisbury is not obligated to pay dividends on those dates or at any other time.

Salisbury's ability to pay cash dividends is dependent on the Bank's ability to pay cash dividends to Salisbury. There are certain restrictions on the payment of cash dividends and other payments by the Bank to Salisbury. Under Connecticut law, the Bank cannot declare a cash dividend except from net profits, defined as the remainder of all earnings from current operations. The total of all cash dividends declared by the Bank in any calendar year shall not, unless specifically approved by the Banking Commissioner, exceed the total of its net profits of that year combined with its retained net profits of the preceding two years.

FRB Supervisory Letter SR 09-4, February 24, 2009, revised December 31, 2015, states that, as a general matter, the Board of Directors of a Bank Holding Company ("BHC") should inform the Federal Reserve and should eliminate, defer, or significantly reduce dividends if (1) net income available to shareholders for the past four quarters, net of dividends previously paid during that period, is not sufficient to fully fund the dividends; (2) the prospective rate of earnings retention is not consistent with capital needs and overall current and prospective financial condition; or (3) the BHC will not meet, or is in danger of not meeting, its minimum regulatory capital adequacy ratios. Moreover, a

BHC should inform the Federal Reserve reasonably in advance of declaring or paying a dividend that exceeds earnings for the period (e.g., quarter) for which the dividend is being paid or that could result in a material adverse change to the BHC capital position.

Salisbury believes that the payment of common stock cash dividends is appropriate, provided that such payment considers Salisbury's capital needs, asset quality, and overall financial condition and does not adversely affect the financial stability of Salisbury or the Bank. The continued payment of common stock cash dividends by Salisbury will be dependent on Salisbury's future core earnings, financial condition and capital needs, regulatory restrictions, and other factors deemed relevant by the Board of Directors of Salisbury.

## IMPACT OF INFLATION AND CHANGING PRICES

Salisbury's consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto presented elsewhere in this Form 10-K are prepared in conformity with GAAP, which require the measurement of financial condition and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money, over time, due to inflation. Unlike some other types of companies, the financial nature of Salisbury's consolidated financial statements is more clearly affected by changes in interest rates than by inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily fluctuate in the same direction or in the same magnitude as the prices of goods and services. However, inflation does affect Salisbury to some extent because, as prices increase, the money supply grows and interest rates are affected by inflationary expectations. There is no precise method, however, to measure the effects of inflation on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, any examination or analysis of the financial statements should take into consideration the possible effects of inflation. Although not a material factor in recent years, inflation could impact earnings in future periods.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 10-Q and future filings made by Salisbury with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as other filings, reports and press releases made or issued by Salisbury and the Bank, and oral statements made by executive officers of Salisbury and the Bank, may include forward-looking statements relating to such matters as:

- (a) assumptions concerning future economic and business conditions and their effect on the economy in general and on the markets in which Salisbury and the Bank do business; and
- (b) expectations for revenues and earnings for Salisbury and the Bank.

Such forward-looking statements are based on assumptions rather than historical or current facts and, therefore, are inherently uncertain and subject to risk. For those statements, Salisbury claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Salisbury notes that a variety of factors could cause the actual results or experience to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations described or implied by such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties that may affect the operation, performance, development and results of Salisbury's and the Bank's business include the following:

- (a) the risk of adverse changes in business conditions in the banking industry generally and in the specific markets in which the Bank operates;
- (b) changes in the legislative and regulatory environment that negatively impacts Salisbury and the Bank through increased operating expenses;
  - (c) increased competition from other financial and non-financial institutions;
  - (d) the impact of technological advances and cybersecurity matters;
  - (e) interest rate fluctuations; and

(f) other risks detailed from time to time in Salisbury's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such developments could have an adverse impact on Salisbury's and the Bank's financial position and results of operations.

## Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Salisbury manages its exposure to interest rate risk through its Asset/Liability Management Committee (“ALCO”) using risk limits and policy guidelines to manage assets and funding liabilities to produce financial results that are consistent with Salisbury’s liquidity, capital adequacy, growth, risk and profitability targets. Interest rate risk is the risk of a negative impact to future earnings due to changes in interest rates.

The ALCO manages interest rate risk using income simulation to measure interest rate risk inherent in Salisbury’s financial instruments at a given point in time by showing the effect of interest rate shifts on net interest income over a 24-month horizon. In management’s March 31, 2016 analysis, three of the simulations incorporate static growth assumptions over the simulation horizons, with allowances made for loan, deposit and security product mix shifts in selected interest rate scenarios, such as movements between lower rate savings and money market deposit accounts and higher rate time deposits, and changes in the reinvestment of loan and securities cash flows. The fourth simulation incorporates management’s balance sheet growth assumptions. Additionally, the simulations take into account the specific re-pricing, maturity and prepayment characteristics of differing financial instruments that may vary under different interest rate scenarios.

The ALCO reviews the simulation results to determine whether Salisbury’s exposure to change in net interest income remains within established tolerance levels over the simulation horizons and to develop appropriate strategies to manage this exposure. Salisbury’s tolerance levels for changes in net interest income in its income simulations vary depending on the magnitude of interest rate changes and level of risk-based capital. All changes are measured in comparison to the projected net interest income that would result from an “unchanged” rate scenario where interest rates remain stable over the forecast horizon. The ALCO also evaluates the directional trends of net interest income, net interest margin and other financial measures over the forecast horizon for consistency with its liquidity, capital adequacy, growth, risk and profitability targets.

ALCO uses four interest rate scenarios to evaluate interest risk exposure and may vary these interest rate scenarios to show the effect of steepening or flattening changes in yield curves as well as parallel changes in interest rates. At March 31, 2016, ALCO used the following interest rate scenarios: (1) unchanged interest rates; (2) immediately rising interest rates – immediate parallel upward shift in market interest rates ranging from 300 basis points for short term rates to 300 basis points for the 10-year Treasury; (3) immediately falling interest rates – immediate non-parallel downward shift in market interest rates ranging from 57 basis points for short term rates to 77 basis points for the 10-year Treasury; and (4) immediately rising interest rates – immediate parallel upward shift in market interest rates ranging from 200 basis points for short term rates to 200 basis points for the 10-year Treasury. Deposit rates are assumed to shift by lesser amounts due to their relative historical insensitivity to market interest rate movements. Further, deposits are assumed to have certain minimum rate levels below which they will not fall. Income simulations do not reflect adjustments in strategy that the ALCO could implement in response to rates. As of March 31, 2016, net interest income simulations indicated that the Bank’s exposure to changing interest rates over the simulation horizons remained within its tolerance levels. The following table sets forth the estimated change in net interest income from an unchanged interest rate scenario over the periods indicated for changes in market interest rates using the Bank’s financial instruments as of March 31, 2016:

As of March 31, 2016	Months 1-12	Months 13-24
Immediately rising interest rates (static growth assumptions)	(6.09 )%	1.93 %
Immediately falling interest rates (static growth assumptions)	(1.71 )	(4.17 )
Immediately rising interest rates (static growth assumptions)	(3.23 )	3.17

The negative exposure of net interest income to immediately and gradually rising rates as compared to the unchanged rate scenario results from a faster projected rise in the cost of funds versus income from earning assets, as relatively rate-sensitive money market and time deposits re-price faster than longer duration earning assets. The negative

exposure of net interest income to immediately falling rates as compared to an unchanged rate scenario results from a greater decline in earning asset yields compared to rates paid on funding liabilities, as a result of faster prepayments on existing assets and lower reinvestment rates on future loans originated and securities purchased.

While the ALCO reviews simulation assumptions and back-tests simulation results to ensure that they are reasonable and current, income simulation may not always prove to be an accurate indicator of interest rate risk or future net interest margin. Over time, the re-pricing, maturity and prepayment characteristics of financial instruments and the composition of Salisbury's balance sheet may change to a different degree than estimated. Simulation modeling assumes Salisbury's expectation for future balance sheet growth, which is a function of the business environment and customer behavior. Another significant simulation assumption is the sensitivity of core savings deposits to fluctuations in interest rates. Income simulation results assume that changes in both core savings deposit rates and balances are related to changes in short-term interest rates. The assumed relationship between short-term interest rate changes and core deposit rate and balance changes used in income simulation may differ from the ALCO's estimates. Lastly, mortgage-backed securities and mortgage loans involve a level of risk that unforeseen changes in prepayment speeds may cause related cash flows to vary significantly in differing rate environments. Such changes could affect the level of reinvestment risk associated with cash flow from these instruments, as well as their market value. Changes in prepayment speeds could also increase or decrease the amortization of premium or accretion of discounts related to such instruments, thereby affecting interest income.

Salisbury also monitors the potential change in market value of its available-for-sale debt securities in changing interest rate environments. The purpose is to determine market value exposure that may not be captured by income simulation, but which might result in changes to Salisbury's capital and liquidity position. Results are calculated using industry-standard analytical techniques and securities data. Available-for-sale equity securities are excluded from this analysis because the market value of such securities cannot be directly correlated with changes in interest rates.

The following table summarizes the potential change in market value of available-for-sale debt securities resulting from immediate parallel rate shifts:

As of March 31, 2016 (in thousands)	Rates up 100bp	Rates up 200bp
U.S. Treasury notes	\$(22 )	\$(44 )
U.S. Government agency notes	—	—
Municipal bonds	(1,145 )	(2,148 )
Mortgage backed securities	(800 )	(1,882 )
Collateralized mortgage obligations	(248 )	(376 )
SBA pools	(6 )	(13 )
Other	(22 )	(40 )
Total available-for-sale debt securities	\$(2,243 )	\$(4,503 )

#### Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

##### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Salisbury's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of Salisbury's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2016. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of March 31, 2016.

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and



Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Controls

In addition, based on an evaluation of its internal controls over financial reporting, no change in Salisbury's internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2016 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Salisbury's internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Bank is involved in various claims and legal proceedings, which are not material, arising in the ordinary course of business.

As previously disclosed, the Bank, individually and in its capacity as a former Co-Trustee of the Erling C. Christophersen Revocable Trust (the "Trust"), was named as a defendant in litigation filed in the Connecticut Complex Litigation Docket in Stamford, captioned John Christophersen v. Erling Christophersen, et al., X08-CV-08-5009597S (the "First Action"). The Bank also was a counterclaim-defendant in related mortgage foreclosure litigation in the Connecticut Complex Litigation Docket in Stamford, captioned Salisbury Bank and Trust Company v. Erling C. Christophersen, et al., X08-CV-10-6005847-S (the "Foreclosure Action," together with the First Action, the "Actions"). The other parties to the Actions were John R. Christophersen; Erling C. Christophersen, individually and as Co-Trustee of the Trust; Bonnie Christophersen and Elena Dreiske, individually and as Co-Trustees of the Mildred B. Blount Testamentary Trust; People's United Bank; Law Offices of Gary Oberst, P.C.; Rhoda Rudnick; and Hinckley Allen & Snyder LLP.

The Actions involved a dispute over title to certain real property located in Westport, Connecticut that was conveyed by Erling Christophersen, as grantor, to the Trust on or about August 8, 2007. Subsequent to this conveyance, the Bank loaned \$3,387,000 to the Trust, which was secured by a commercial mortgage in favor of the Bank on the Westport property. This mortgage is the subject of the Foreclosure Action brought by the Bank.

As previously disclosed, John R. Christophersen claimed an interest in the Westport real property transferred to the Trust and sought to quiet title to the property and to recover money damages from the defendants for the alleged wrongful divestiture of his claimed interest in the property.

On June 25, 2012, the Bank and John R. Christophersen entered into a Settlement Agreement, which resolved all differences between John R. Christophersen and the Bank and resulted in the withdrawal (with prejudice) of the claims made by John R. Christophersen. All claims against the Bank have been withdrawn and the Bank is no longer a defendant or counterclaim defendant in any litigation involving the Actions. As an additional consequence of the Settlement Agreement, Bonnie Christophersen, Elena Dreiske and People's United Bank are no longer parties to any of the litigation referenced above.

On July 27, 2012, Erling Christophersen filed a Motion to Restore the First Action, and on October 15, 2012 filed a Motion to Stay the Foreclosure Action pending resolution of the Motion to Restore. The Bank opposed both motions. On February 1, 2013, the Court issued orders denying both motions. On February 14, 2013, Erling Christophersen appealed the orders denying his Motion to Restore the First Action, and Motion to Stay the Foreclosure Action.

The Appellate Court dismissed the appeal of the Foreclosure Action in May 2013, and later denied Erling Christophersen's motion for reconsideration of its decision.

The Bank proceeded in its Foreclosure Action against Erling Christophersen. Erling Christophersen asserted two special defenses and set-off claims alleging (1) that the Bank failed to defend the title claims against the properties, and (2) that the Bank took certain trustee fees without approval. The Bank moved to strike the special defenses and set off claims. In a decision issued on November 6, 2013, the Court granted the motion to strike as to the second special defense and set off, but denied the motion as to the first special defense and set off. Trial began on February 4, 2014, and concluded on February 14, 2014.

In a decision issued on June 2, 2014, the Court dismissed Erling Christophersen's special defense, and made findings as to the amount of the debt owed by Erling Christophersen and the value of the property, reserving judgment on whether to order a strict foreclosure or foreclosure by sale pending a hearing on the amount of attorneys' fees accrued, and the debt accrued since the commencement of the trial. That hearing was held on July 29, 2014. On July 25, 2014, Erling Christophersen moved to disqualify the Bank's counsel, seeking, in part, the remedy of a new trial. The Court denied that motion in a decision dated July 30, 2014. On August 5, 2014, the Court issued a Judgment of Strict Foreclosure (the "Judgment") in favor of the Bank and set September 16, 2014 as the Law Day, which is the final date fixed by the Court on which the debtor can pay off the debt or redeem the real property, with subsequent dates for subsequent encumbrances in inverse order of priority.

On September 15, 2014, Christophersen moved to open the Judgment, which motion was denied by order of the Court dated September 30, 2014. On October 3, 2014, Christophersen filed an Appeal of the Judgment and of the denial of his motion to reopen. Salisbury Bank moved to dismiss the Appeal on October 24, 2014, on grounds that Christophersen cannot represent the Trust as he is not an attorney, and that Christophersen in his individual capacity does not have any interest in the Appeal. On December 17, 2014, such motion was granted in part and dismissed in part, but the decision was moot because counsel submitted an appearance on behalf of the Trust on December 29, 2014. On January 20, 2015, Christophersen filed a motion for reconsideration, which motion was denied by order of the Appellate Court on February 10, 2015.

The parties submitted briefs and oral arguments were heard on January 7, 2016. On March 1, 2016, the Appellate Court affirmed the trial court's judgment and remanded the case for the setting of new Law Days. Subsequently, the defendant filed an application for review with the Connecticut Supreme Court, which denied Mr. Christophersen's Petition For Certification on March 23, 2016. The defendant has filed motions to open the Judgment which the Bank has opposed. The Bank is currently awaiting a decision on the defendant's motion.

On March 31, 2016 the bank filed a *Motion to Set New Law Days and Update Debt* in ac