# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 

FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
$\qquad$ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

## TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES

 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934Commission File Number: 841105-D

## BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Maine | $\underline{01-0393663}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| (State or other jurisdiction of <br> incorporation or organization) <br> PO Box 400 | Identification Number) |
| $\underline{82 \text { Main Street. Bar Harbor, ME }}$ | $\underline{04609-0400}$ |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

(207) 288-3314
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

## Inapplicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)
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 $\qquad$ NO X

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in exchange act rule 12b-2): YES: $\qquad$ NO: $\underline{X}$

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:

Class of Common Stock<br>Number of Shares Outstanding May 4. 2006<br>\$2.00 Par Value<br>3,045,381

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS <br> MARCH 31, 2006 AND DECEMBER 31, 2005 <br> (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) <br> (unaudited)

|  | March 31, | December 31, |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Assets | 2006 | 2005 |
| Cash and due from banks | 9,452 | $\$ 10,994$ |
| Overnight interest bearing money market funds | 3,703 | 3,006 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 13,155 | 14,000 |
| Securities available for sale, at fair value | 201,129 | 183,300 |
| Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 12,044 | 11,324 |
| Loans | 529,119 | 514,866 |
| Allowance for loan losses | $4,473)$ | $(4,647)$ |
| Loans, net of allowance for loan losses | 524,646 | 510,219 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 11,749 | 11,785 |
| Goodwill | 3,158 | 3,158 |
| Bank owned life insurance | 5,946 | 5,945 |
| Other assets | 9,380 | 8,724 |
|  |  |  |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $\$ 781,207$ | $\$ 748,455$ |
| Liabilities |  |  |
| Deposits | $\$ 48,505$ | $\$ 55,451$ |
| $\quad$ Demand deposits | 64,612 | 66,965 |
| $\quad$ NOW accounts | 148,650 | 133,113 |
| Savings and money market deposits | 130,613 | 129,816 |
| Time deposits | 82,372 | 60,386 |
| Brokered time deposits | 474,752 | 445,731 |
| Total deposits | 138,841 | 131,338 |
| Short-term borrowings | 104,862 | 108,358 |
| Long-term debt | 6,920 | 6,924 |
| Other liabilities | 725,375 | 692,351 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Shareholders' equity |  |  |
| Capital stock, par value $\$ 2.00$; authorized $10,000,000$ shares; |  |  |
| issued | 7,287 | 7,287 |
| 3,643,614 shares at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 | 4,037 | 4,002 |
| Surplus | 56,034 | 55,181 |
| Retained earnings |  |  |

Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income:
Net unrealized depreciation on securities available
for sale and derivative instruments, net of taxes of $(\$ 1,269)$
and
(\$895) at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively

| Less: cost of 598,630 and 583,655 shares of treasury stock |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively | $(9,062)$ | $(8,628)$ |
| TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 55,832 | 56,104 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | $\$ 781,207$ | $\$ 748,455$ |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

## BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME <br> FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 <br> (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) <br> (unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2005 |
| Interest and dividend income: |  |  |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 8,263 | \$ 6,633 |
| Interest and dividends on securities and federal funds | 2,431 | 1,908 |
| Total interest and dividend income | 10,694 | 8,541 |
| Interest expense: |  |  |
| Deposits | 2,609 | 1,291 |
| Short-term borrowings | 1,319 | 482 |
| Long-term borrowings | 1,279 | 1,457 |
| Total interest expense | 5,207 | 3,230 |
| Net interest income | 5,487 | 5,311 |
| Provision for loan losses | 28 | --- |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 5,459 | 5,311 |
| Non-interest income: |  |  |
| Trust and other financial services | 504 | 475 |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 343 | 289 |
| Other service charges, commissions and fees | 53 | 50 |
| Credit card service charges and fees | 230 | 201 |
| Net securities gains | 310 | 21 |
| Other operating income | 164 | 67 |
| Total non-interest income | 1,604 | 1,103 |
| Non-interest expenses: |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 2,444 | 2,614 |
| Occupancy expense | 312 | 307 |
| Furniture and equipment expense | 500 | 431 |
| Credit card expenses | 166 | 135 |


| $\quad$ Other operating expense | 1,463 | 1,296 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total non-interest expenses | 4,885 | 4,783 |
|  |  |  |
| Income before income taxes | 2,178 | 1,631 |
| Income taxes | 615 | 418 |
| Net income | $\$ 1,563$ | $\$ 1,213$ |
|  |  |  |
| Earnings Per Share: | $\$ 0.51$ | $\$ 0.39$ |
| Basic | $\$ 0.50$ | $\$ 0.38$ |

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## BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005 <br> (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

Balance December 31, 2004
Net income
Total other comprehensive loss
Cash dividends declared (\$0.21 per share)
Purchase of treasury stock (9,356 shares)
Stock options exercised (9,365 shares)
Balance March 31, 2005

| Capital | Accumlated |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Other |  | Total |
|  |  | Retained | Comprehensive | Treasury | Shareholders |
| Stock | Surplus | Earnings | Income(Loss) | Stock | Equity |
| \$7,287 | \$4,002 | \$51,733 | \$ 1,118 | \$(8,098) | \$56,042 |
| --- | --- | 1,213 | --- | --- | 1,213 |
| --- | --- | --- | $(1,504)$ | --- | $(1,504)$ |
| --- | --- | (646) | --- | --- | (646) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | (262) | (262) |
| --- | --- | (113) | --- | 264 | 151 |
| \$7,287 | \$4,002 | \$52,187 | \$ (386) | \$(8,096) | \$54,994 |


| Balance December 31, 2005 | \$7,287 | \$4,002 | \$55,181 | \$(1,738) | \$(8,628) | \$56,104 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income | --- | --- | 1,563 | --- | --- | 1,563 |
| Total other comprehensive loss | --- | --- | --- | (726) | --- | (726) |
| Cash dividends declared ( $\$ 0.22$ per share) | --- | --- | (673) | --- | --- | (673) |
| Purchase of treasury stock (18,725 shares) | --- | --- | --- | --- | (535) | (535) |
| Stock options exercised (3,750 shares) | --- | --- | (37) | --- | 101 | 64 |

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| Amortization of stock option expense | -- | 35 | --- | -- | --- | 35 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Balance March 31, 2006 | $\$ 7,287$ | $\$ 4,037$ | $\$ 56,034$ | $\$(2,464)$ | $\$(9,062)$ | $\$ 55,832$ |

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BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES AND SUBSIDIARIES<br>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS<br>FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005<br>(Dollars in thousands)<br>(unaudited)

2006
2005
Cash flows from operating activities:
Net income
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:
Depreciation and amortization of premises and equipment
333
Amortization of core deposit intangible 17
Provision for loan losses 28
Net realized gains on sales of securities available for sale (310)
Net amortization of bond premiums 84
Venture capital fund investment impairment loss ---
Amortization of stock option expense 35
Net change in other assets (296)
(296) (504)

Net change in other liabilities (193)
$1,261 \quad 1,127$

Cash flows from investing activities:
Purchases of securities available for sale
$(28,347)$
Proceeds from maturities, calls and principal paydowns of securities available for sale

6,689
8,284
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale 3,140 ---
Net increase in Federal Home Loan Bank stock
(720)

2,496
Net loans made to customers
$(14,455)$
Capital expenditures
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities $(33,990)$
690

Cash flows from financing activities:
Net increase (decrease) in deposits
29,021
Net decrease in securities sold under repurchase agreements $\quad(1,797)$
$(14,068)$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank advances } & 6,400 & 13,800\end{array}$
Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances
Purchases of treasury stock (535)
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Proceeds from stock option exercises } & 64 & 151\end{array}$
Payments of dividends

(673)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities ..... 31,884(646)$(2,685)$
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents ..... (845) ..... (868)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year ..... 14,000 ..... 9,571
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period ..... \$ 13,155 ..... \$ 8,703
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:
Cash paid during the period for:
Interest \$ 4,557 \$ 3,282
Income taxes, net of refunds
Non-cash transactions:
Unrealized depreciation on securities available for sale, net of reclassification adjustment, net of tax of $\$ 311$ and $\$ 651$, respectively
Net unrealized depreciation on interest rate derivatives, net of tax of $\$ 64$ and \$124,
respectively
Amortization of net deferred loss related to interest rate derivatives, net of tax of $\$ 1$ and $\$ 1$, respectively 1 1

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005
(Dollars in thousands)
(unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2005 |
| Net income | \$1,563 | \$ 1,213 |
| Unrealized depreciation on securities available for sale, net of reclassification adjustment, <br> net of tax of \$311 and \$651, respectively | (604) | $(1,264)$ |
| Net unrealized depreciation on interest rate derivatives, net of tax of \$64 and |  |  |
| \$124, respectively | (123) | (241) |
| Amortization of net deferred loss related to interest rate derivatives, net of tax of $\$ 1$ and $\$ 1$, respectively | 1 | 1 |
| Total other comprehensive loss | (726) | $(1,504)$ |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2006<br>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)<br>(unaudited)

## Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. All inter-company transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Amounts in the prior period financial statements are reclassified whenever necessary to conform to current period presentation. The net income reported for the three months ended March 31, 2006 is not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006, or any other interim periods.

The consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2005 has been derived from audited consolidated financial statements at that date. The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and notes thereto.

## Note 2: Management s Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ 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, income tax estimates, and the valuation of intangible assets.

The allowance for loan losses (the "allowance") at the Company s wholly owned banking subsidiary, Bar Harbor Bank \& Trust (the "Bank") is a significant accounting estimate used in the preparation of the Company s consolidated financial statements. The allowance is available to absorb losses on loans. The allowance is maintained at a level that, in management s judgment, is appropriate for the amount of risk inherent in the loan portfolio, given past and present conditions. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to operating expense and by recoveries on loans previously charged off.

Arriving at an appropriate level of allowance for loan losses involves a high degree of judgment. The determination of the adequacy of the allowance and provisioning for estimated losses is evaluated regularly based on review of loans, with particular emphasis on non-performing and other loans that management believes warrant special consideration. The ongoing evaluation process includes a formal analysis, which considers among other factors: the character and size of the loan portfolio, business and economic conditions, real estate market conditions, collateral values, changes in product offerings or loan terms, changes in underwriting and/or collection policies, loan growth, previous charge-off experience, delinquency trends, nonperforming loan trends, the performance of individual loans in relation to contract terms, and estimated fair values of collateral.

Reserves are established for specific loans including impaired loans, a pool of reserves based on historical charge-offs by loan types, and supplemental reserves that adjust historical loss experience to reflect current economic conditions, industry specific risks, and other observable data.

While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, changing economic conditions and the economic prospects of the borrowers may necessitate future additions or reductions to the allowance. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Bank s allowance, which also may necessitate future additions or reductions to the allowance, based on information available to them at the time of their examination.

## Income Taxes:

The Company estimates its income taxes for each period for which a statement of income is presented. The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. If current available information indicates that it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Significant management judgment is required in determining income tax expense, and deferred tax assets and liabilities. As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, there was no valuation allowance for deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets are included in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet.

Goodwill and Identifiable Intangible Assets:
In connection with acquisitions, the Company generally records as assets on its consolidated financial statements both goodwill and identifiable intangible assets, such as core deposit intangibles.

The Company evaluates whether the carrying value of its goodwill has become impaired, in which case the value is reduced through a charge to its earnings. Goodwill is evaluated for impairment at least annually, or upon a triggering event as defined by SFAS No. 142, using certain fair value techniques.

Identifiable intangible assets consist of core deposit intangibles amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line method, which approximates the amount of economic benefits to the Company. These assets are reviewed for impairment at least annually, or whenever management believes events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. Furthermore, the determination of which intangible assets have finite lives is subjective, as is the determination of the amortization period for such intangible assets.

Any changes in the estimates used by the Company to determine the carrying value of its goodwill and identifiable intangible assets, or which otherwise adversely affect their value or estimated lives, would adversely affect the Company s consolidated results of operations.

Note 3: Earnings Per Share
Earnings per share have been computed in accordance with SFAS No. 128, "Earnings Per Share."
Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share 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 Company, such as the Company s dilutive stock options.

The following is a reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:
(in thousands, except number of shares and per share data)

|  | Three Months Ended March 31 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 |  | 2005 |  |
| Net income |  | 1,563 | \$ | 1,213 |
| Computation of Earnings Per Share: |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average number of capital stock shares outstanding |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 3,044,984 |  | 078,933 |
| Effect of dilutive employee stock options |  | 81,341 |  | 108,176 |
| Diluted |  | 3,126,325 |  | 187,109 |
| NET INCOME PER SHARE: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.51 | \$ | 0.39 |
|  |  | \$ |  |  |
| Diluted | 0.50 |  | \$ | 0.38 |

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, and 2005, the number of anti-dilutive options excluded from the earnings per share calculation was 81,513 and 12,627 , respectively.

## Note 4: Stock Based Compensation

On October 3, 2000, the shareholders of the Company approved the Bar Harbor Bankshares and Subsidiaries Incentive Stock Option Plan of 2000 ("ISOP") for its officers and employees, which provides for the issuance of up to 450,000 shares of common stock. At March 31, 2006, 81,966 shares are still available for future stock option grants. The purchase price of the stock covered by each option shall be its fair market value, which must be equal to at least $100 \%$ of the fair market value on the date such option is granted. Vesting terms range from five to seven years. No

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option shall be granted after October 3, 2010, ten years after the effective date of the ISOP.
Implementation of New Accounting Standards:
In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued a revision of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123. SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment", which makes significant changes to accounting for "payments" involving employee compensation and "shares" or securities, in the form of stock options, restricted stock or other arrangements settled in the reporting entity s securities. Most significant in the standard is the requirement that all stock options be measured at estimated fair value at the grant date and recorded as compensation expense over the requisite service period associated with the option, usually the vesting period. The revised standard was effective on January 1, 2006 for calendar-year public companies and is applied prospectively to stock options granted after the effective date and any unvested stock options at that date. The primary effect of the revised standard simplementation on the Company is recognition of compensation expense associated with stock options.

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123(R), using the modified-prospective-transition method. Under that transition method, compensation expense that the Company recognizes beginning in 2006 includes: (a) the compensation expense for all stock-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value; and (b) the compensation expense for all share-based payments granted on or after January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value. Because the Company elected to use the modified prospective transition method, results for prior periods have not been restated. Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees", and related interpretations ("intrinsic value method"). Under the provisions of the Company s ISOP, the exercise price per share of each option granted cannot be less than the fair market value of the underlying common shares on the date of the grant. Accordingly, the Company previously did not recognize any stock-based employee compensation expense in net income prior to January 1, 2006.

Impact of the Adoption of SFAS No. 123(R):
As a result of adopting SFAS 123(R), the Company recorded an expense of $\$ 35$ in the quarter ended March 31, 2006.
Comparable Disclosures:
The following table illustrates the effect on the Company s net income and earnings per share had the Company applied fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) to its stock-based employee compensation in 2005:

|  |  | Earnings Per Share |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2005: | Net Income | Basic | Diluted |
| As reported |  |  |  |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense <br> determined under fair value based method for all awards, | $\$ 1,213$ | $\$ 0.39$ | $\$ 0.38$ |
| $\quad$net of related tax effect | 21 |  |  |
| Pro forma | $\$ 1,192$ | $\$ 0.38$ | $\$ 0.37$ |

The fair value was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for stock option grants in the quarter ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

| Risk-free interest rate | $4.66 \%$ | $3.96 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Dividend yield | $2.79 \%$ | $3.13 \%$ |
| Expected market price volatility factor of the Company $s$ stock | $23.63 \%$ | $9.74 \%$ |
| Expected life of options (years) | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| Options granted | 2,000 | 13,000 |
| Estimated fair value of options granted | $\$ 6.85$ | $\$ 2.87$ |

Expected market price volatility for the grants in the quarter ended March 31, 2006, was determined by using the Company s historical stock price volatility on a daily basis during the seven-year period ending March 31, 2006.

Stock Option Activity:
The following table summarizes the Company s stock option activity during the three months ended March 31, 2006:

|  | Number of Stock <br> Options Outstanding | Exercise Price <br> Range | Weighted Average Intrinsic Value <br> Exercise Price |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at January 1, 2006 | 293,289 | $\$ 15.40$ to $\$ 29.10$ | $\$ 19.32$ |  |
| Granted | 2,000 | $\$ 28.20$ | $\$ 28.20$ |  |
| Exercised | $(3,750)$ | $\$ 15.40$ to $\$ 23.20$ | $\$ 17.07$ |  |
| Forfeited | $(4,556)$ | $\$ 26.90$ to $\$ 27.00$ | $\$ 26.95$ |  |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2006 | 286,983 | $\$ 15.40$ to $\$ 29.10$ | $\$ 19.41$ | $\$ 12.10$ |
| Exercisable at March 31, 2006 | 117,981 | $\$ 15.40$ to $\$ 29.10$ | $\$ 17.42$ | $\$ 14.09$ |
| Expected to vest March 31, 2006 | 142,131 | $\$ 15.40$ to $\$ 29.10$ | $\$ 20.80$ | $\$ 10.71$ |

The intrinsic value of the options exercised and cash received by the Company for options exercised for the period ended March 31, 2006 was approximately $\$ 54$ and $\$ 64$, respectively.

Stock Options Outstanding:
The following table summarizes stock options outstanding by exercise price range at March 31, 2006:

| Exercise Price or Range of | Options Outstanding Weighted |  |  | Options Exercisable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Number | Weighted |
|  | Outstanding | Remaining | Average | Exercisable | Average |
| Exercise Prices | As of 03/31/06 | Contractual Term | Exercise Price | As of 03/31/06 | Exercise Price |
| \$15.40 | 61,449 | 5.22 | \$15.40 | 24,795 | \$15.40 |
| \$15.80 | 4,130 | 5.57 | \$15.80 | 1,997 | \$15.80 |
| \$16.05 | 90,000 | 5.90 | \$16.05 | 60,000 | \$16.05 |
| \$17.75 to \$25.45 | 57,404 | 6.53 | \$19.11 | 20,639 | \$19.01 |
| \$25.80 to \$29.10 | 74,000 | 8.66 | \$27.24 | 10,550 | \$27.17 |
| \$15.40 to \$29.10 | 286,983 | 6.59 | \$19.41 | 117,981 | \$17.42 |

## Note 5: Retirement Benefit Plans

The Company sponsors a limited post-retirement benefit program which funds medical coverage and life insurance benefits to a closed group of active and retired employees who meet minimum age and service requirements. It is the Company's policy to record the cost of post-retirement health care and life insurance plans based on actuarial estimates, which are dependent on claims and premiums paid. The cost of providing these benefits is accrued during the active service period of the employee.

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The Company has non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plans for certain retired officers. These plans provide supplemental retirement benefits payable in installments over a period of years upon retirement or death. The Company recognized the net present value of payments associated with the agreements over the service periods of the participating officers. Interest costs continue to be recognized on the benefit obligations.

The Company also has supplemental executive retirement plans for certain executive officers. These plans provide a stream of future payments in accordance with individually defined vesting schedules upon retirement, termination, death, or in the event that the executive leaves the Company following a change of control event.

The following table summarizes the net periodic benefit costs for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

| Three Months Ended March 31 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Service cost | $\$---$ | $\$--$ | $\$ 47$ | $\$ 43$ |
| Interest cost | 21 | 18 | 38 | 50 |
| Amortization of actuarial loss | $(4)$ | $(4)$ | --- | $\$ 7$ |

The Company is expected to contribute $\$ 342$ to the foregoing plans in 2006. As of March 31, 2006, the Company had contributed $\$ 112$ to the plans.

Note 6: Commitments and Contingent Liabilities
The Bank is a party to financial instruments in the normal course of business to meet financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit, unused lines of credit, and standby letters of credit.

Commitments to originate loans, including unused lines of credit, are agreements to lend to a customer provided there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Bank uses the same credit policy to make such commitments as it uses for on-balance-sheet items, such as loans. The Bank evaluates each customer s creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Bank upon extension of credit, is based on management $s$ credit evaluation of the borrower.

The Bank guarantees the obligations or performance of customers by issuing standby letters of credit to third parties. These standby letters of credit are primarily issued in support of third-party debt or obligations. The risk involved in issuing standby letters of credit is essentially the same as the credit risk involved in extending loan facilities to customers, and they are subject to the same credit origination, portfolio maintenance and management procedures in effect to monitor other credit and off-balance sheet instruments. Exposure to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the counter-party to the financial instrument for standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. Typically, these standby letters of credit have terms of five years or less and expire unused; therefore, the total amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The following table summarizes the contractual amounts of commitments and contingent liabilities as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005:

|  | March 31, | December 31, |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 2005 |
| Commitments to originate loans | $\$ 29,007$ | $\$ 40,779$ |
| Unused lines of credit | $\$ 74,483$ | $\$ 73,190$ |
| Un-advanced portions of construction loans | $\$ 5,671$ | $\$ 6,110$ |

Standby letters of credit \$ 115 \$ 115
As of March 31, 2006, and December 31, 2005, the fair value of the standby letters of credit were not significant to the Company s consolidated financial statements.

Note 7: Financial Derivative Instruments
As part of its overall asset and liability management strategy, the Bank periodically uses derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings and cash flows caused by interest rate volatility. The Bank s interest rate risk management strategy involves modifying the re-pricing characteristics of certain assets and liabilities so that changes in interest rates do not have a significant effect on net income.

The Company recognizes all of its derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. On the date the derivative instrument is entered into, the Bank designates whether the derivative is part of a hedging relationship (i.e., cash flow or fair value hedge). The Bank formally documents relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking hedge transactions. The Bank also assesses, both at the hedge s inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting the changes in cash flows or fair values of hedged items.

Changes in fair value of derivative instruments that are highly effective and qualify as a cash flow hedge are recorded in other comprehensive income or loss. For fair value hedges that are highly effective, the gain or loss on the hedge and the loss or gain on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk are both recognized in earnings, with the differences (if any) representing hedge ineffectiveness. The Bank discontinues hedge accounting when it is determined that the derivative is no longer highly effective in offsetting changes of the hedged risk on the hedged item, or management determines that the designation of the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate.

At March 31, 2006 the Bank had four outstanding derivative instruments with notional principal amounts totaling $\$ 50,000$. These derivative instruments were interest rate swap agreements and interest rate floor agreements, with notional principal amounts totaling $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 30,000$, respectively. The details are summarized as follows:

Interest Rate Swap Agreements:

|  |  | Fixed |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | Maturity | Notional | Amount | Interest |$\quad$ Rate $\quad$ Variable

The Bank is required to pay a counter-party monthly variable rate payments indexed to Prime, while receiving monthly fixed rate payments based upon interest rates of $6.04 \%$ and $6.25 \%$, respectively, over the term of each agreement.

The interest rate swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges in accordance with SFAS No. 133 Implementation Issue No. G25 "Cash Flow Hedges: Using the First-Payments Received Technique in Hedging the Variable Interest Payments on a Group of Non-Benchmark-Rate-Based Loans".

At March 31, 2006, the fair market value of the interest rate swap agreements was (\$745) compared with (\$641) and (\$590) at December 31, and March 31, 2005, respectively. The fair market values of the interest rate swap agreements were included in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

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At March 31, 2006, the net unrealized loss on the interest rate swap agreements included in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, amounted to $\$ 492$, compared with $\$ 423$ and $\$ 389$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively. Also included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at March 31, 2006, was a net deferred loss, net of tax, of $\$ 9$ related to the de-designation and re-designation of these interest rate swap agreements as cash flow hedges in 2004.

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, the total net cash flows received from (paid to) counter-parties amounted to (\$52), compared with $\$ 22$ during the same period in 2005. The net cash flows received from (paid to) counter-parties were recorded in interest income.

Interest Rate Floor Agreements:

|  | Termination | Prime | Premium |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Notional Amount | Date | Strike Rate | Paid |
| $\$ 20,000$ | $08 / 01 / 10$ | $6.00 \%$ | $\$ 186$ |
| $\$ 10,000$ | $11 / 01 / 10$ | $6.50 \%$ | $\$ 69$ |

During 2005, interest rate floor agreements were purchased to limit the Bank s exposure to falling interest rates on a pool of loans indexed to the Prime interest rate. Under the terms of the agreements, the Bank paid premiums of \$186 and $\$ 69$ for the right to receive cash flow payments if the Prime interest rate falls below the floors of $6.00 \%$ and $6.50 \%$, thus effectively ensuring interest income on a pool of prime-based loans at a minimum of $6.00 \%$ and $6.50 \%$ on the $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 10,000$ notional amounts for the duration of the agreements, respectively. The interest rate floor agreements were designated as cash flow hedges in accordance with SFAS 133.

At March 31, 2006, the total fair market value of the interest rate floor agreements was $\$ 46$ compared with $\$ 131$ at December 31, 2005. The fair market values of the interest rate floor agreements were included in other assets on the Company s consolidated balance sheets. Pursuant to SFAS 133, changes in the fair market value, representing unrealized gains or losses, are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

The premiums paid on the interest rate floor agreements are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated balance sheet and are being recognized in interest income over the duration of the agreements using the floorlet method, in accordance with SFAS 133. During the three months ended March 31, 2006, $\$ 2$ of the premium was recognized in interest income. At March 31, 2006, the remaining unamortized premiums, net of tax, totaled $\$ 165$, compared with $\$ 167$ at December 31, 2005. During the next twelve months, $\$ 25$ of the premium will be recognized in interest income, decreasing the interest income related to the hedged pool of Prime-based loans.

At March 31, 2006, the unamortized premium net of the unrealized loss on the interest rate floor agreement amounted to $\$ 136$, net of tax, and was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the consolidated balance sheet.

Note 8: Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements
The following information addresses new or proposed accounting pronouncements that could have an impact on the Company s financial condition, results of operations, earnings per share, or cash flows.

Accounting for Servicing Rights of Financial Assets:
In March 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 156, "Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets". This statement amends Financial Accounting Standards No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities", with respect to the accounting for separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. SFAS 156 requires companies to recognize a servicing asset or servicing liability each time it undertakes an obligation to

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service a financial asset by entering into a servicing contract. The statement permits a company to choose either the amortized cost method or fair value measurement method for each class of separately recognized servicing assets. This statement is effective as of the beginning of a company's first fiscal year after September 15, 2006 (January 1, 2007 for the Company). The Company does not anticipate that the adoption of SFAS 156 will have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations.

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

## OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, and selected financial and statistical information appearing elsewhere in this report on Form 10-Q. The purpose of this discussion is to highlight significant changes in the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, and provide supplemental information and analysis.

Amounts in the prior period financial statements are reclassified whenever necessary to conform to current period presentation.

Unless otherwise noted, all dollars are expressed in thousands, except per share data.
Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures:
Certain information discussed below is presented on a fully taxable equivalent basis. Specifically, included in first quarter 2006 and 2005 net interest income was $\$ 477$ and $\$ 435$, respectively, of tax-exempt interest income from certain investment securities and loans. An amount equal to the tax benefit derived from this tax-exempt income has been added back to the interest income and net interest income totals discussed in this Management s Discussion and Analysis, resulting in tax-equivalent adjustments of $\$ 187$ and $\$ 202$ in the first quarter of 2006 and 2005, respectively. The analysis of net interest income table included in this Form 10-Q provides a reconciliation of tax-equivalent financial information to the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management believes the disclosure of tax-equivalent net interest income information improves the clarity of financial analysis, and is particularly useful to investors in understanding and evaluating the changes and trends in the Company's results of operations. Other financial institutions commonly present net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis. This adjustment is considered helpful in the comparison of one financial institution's net interest income to that of another institution, as each will have a different proportion of tax-exempt interest from their earning asset portfolios. Moreover, net interest income is a component of a second financial measure commonly used by financial institutions, net interest margin, which is the ratio of net interest income to average earning assets. For purposes of this measure as well, other financial institutions generally use tax-equivalent net interest income to provide a better basis of comparison from institution to institution. The Company follows these practices.

## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS DISCLAIMER

Certain statements, as well as certain other discussions contained in this report on Form 10-Q, or incorporated herein by reference, contain statements which may be considered to be forward-looking within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of words like "strategy," "expects," "plans," "believes," "will," "estimates," "intends," "projects," "goals," "targets," and other words of similar meaning. You can also identify
them by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts.
Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those made in connection with estimates with respect to the future results of operation, financial condition, and the business of the Company which are subject to change based on the impact of various factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or suggested due to certain risks and uncertainties. Those factors include but are not limited to:
(i) The Company's success is dependent to a significant extent upon general economic conditions in Maine, and Maine's ability to attract new business, as well as factors that affect tourism, a major source of economic activity in the Company s immediate market areas;
(ii) The Company's earnings depend to a great extent on the level of net interest income (the difference between interest income earned on loans and investments and the interest expense paid on deposits and borrowings) generated by the Bank, and thus the Bank's results of operations may be adversely affected by increases or decreases in interest rates;
(iii) The banking business is highly competitive and the profitability of the Company depends on the Bank's ability to attract loans and deposits in Maine, where the Bank competes with a variety of traditional banking and non-traditional institutions, such as credit unions and finance companies;
(iv) A significant portion of the Bank's loan portfolio is comprised of commercial loans and loans secured by real estate, exposing the Company to the risks inherent in financings based upon analysis of credit risk, the value of underlying collateral, and other intangible factors which are considered in making commercial loans and, accordingly, the Company's profitability may be negatively impacted by judgment errors in risk analysis, by loan defaults, and the ability of certain borrowers to repay such loans during a downturn in general economic conditions;
(v) A significant delay in or inability to execute strategic initiatives designed to increase revenues and or control expenses;
(vi) The potential need to adapt to changes in information technology systems, on which the Company is highly dependent, could present operational issues or require significant capital spending;
(vii) Significant changes in the Company s internal controls, or internal control failures;
(viii) Acts or threats of terrorism and actions taken by the United States or other governments as a result of such threats, including military action, could further adversely affect business and economic conditions in the United States generally and in the Company s markets, which could have an adverse effect on the Company s financial performance and that of borrowers and on the financial markets and the price of the Company s common stock;
(ix) Significant changes in the extensive laws, regulations, and policies governing bank holding companies and their subsidiaries could alter the Company's business environment or affect its operations; and
(x) The Company s success in managing the risks involved in all of the foregoing matters.

The forward-looking statements contained herein represent the Company's judgment as of the date of this report on Form 10-Q, and the Company cautions readers not to place undue reliance on such statements. The Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement contained in the succeeding discussion, or elsewhere in this report on Form 10-Q, except to the extent required by federal securities laws.

## APPLICATION OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management s discussion and analysis of the Company sfinancial condition are based on the Consolidated Financial Statements, which are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of such financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Management evaluates its estimates, including those related to the allowance for loan losses, on an ongoing basis. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the

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circumstances, the results of which form the basis in making judgments about the carrying values of assets that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results could differ from the amount derived from management $s$ estimates and assumptions under different assumptions or conditions.

The Company s significant accounting policies are more fully enumerated in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of its December 31, 2005 report on Form 10-K. The reader of the financial statements should review these policies to gain a greater understanding of how the Company s financial performance is reported. Management believes the following critical accounting policies represent the more significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements:

## Allowance for Loan Losses

- Management believes the allowance for loan losses ("allowance") is a significant accounting estimate used in the preparation of the Company s consolidated financial statements. The allowance, which is established through a provision for loan loss expense, is based on management s evaluation of the level of allowance required in relation to the estimated inherent risk of loss in the loan portfolio. Management regularly evaluates the allowance for loan losses for adequacy by taking into consideration factors such as previous loss experience, the size and composition of the portfolio, current economic and real estate market conditions and the performance of individual loans in relation to contract terms and estimated fair values of collateral. The use of different estimates or assumptions could produce different provisions for loan losses. A smaller provision for loan losses results in higher net income, and when a greater amount of provision for loan losses is necessary the result is lower net income. Refer to Part I, Item 2 below, Allowance for Loan Losses and Provision in this report on Form 10-Q, for further discussion and analysis concerning the allowance.


## Income Taxes

The Company estimates its income taxes for each period for which a statement of income is presented. This involves estimating the Company s actual current tax liability, as well as assessing temporary differences resulting from differing timing of recognition of expenses, income and tax credits, for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included in the Company s consolidated balance sheets. The Company must also assess the likelihood that any deferred tax assets will be recovered from historical taxes paid and future taxable income and, to the extent that the recovery is not likely, a valuation allowance must be established. Significant management judgment is required in determining income tax expense, and deferred tax assets and liabilities. As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, there was no valuation allowance for deferred tax assets, which are included in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet.

## Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets -

The valuation techniques used by the Company to determine the carrying value of tangible and intangible assets acquired in acquisitions and the estimated lives of identifiable intangible assets involve estimates for discount rates, projected future cash flows and time period calculations, all of which are susceptible to change based upon changes in economic conditions and other factors. Any changes in the estimates used by the Company to determine the carrying value of its goodwill and identifiable intangible assets, or which otherwise adversely affect their value or estimated lives, would adversely affect the Company's results of operations. Refer to Note 2 of the consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report on Form 10-Q for further details of the Company s accounting policies and estimates covering goodwill and other intangible assets.

## SUMMARY OVERVIEW

The Company reported consolidated net income of $\$ 1,563$ or fully diluted earnings per share of $\$ 0.50$ for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared with $\$ 1,213$ or fully diluted earnings per share of $\$ 0.38$ for the same quarter

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in 2005, representing increases of $\$ 350$ and $\$ 0.12$, or $28.8 \%$ and $31.2 \%$, respectively. The annualized return on average assets ("ROA") and average shareholders equity ("ROE") amounted to $0.84 \%$ and $11.16 \%$, respectively, compared with $0.74 \%$ and $8.77 \%$ for the same quarter in 2005.

As more fully enumerated below, the increase in first quarter 2006 net income compared with the same quarter in 2005 was principally attributed to:

- A $\$ 289$ increase in realized gains on the sale of securities
- A $\$ 176$ or $3.3 \%$ increase in net interest income
- A $\$ 170$ or $6.5 \%$ decline in salaries and employee benefits expense
- A $\$ 145$ gain on the sale of Bank owned real estate
- A $\$ 54$ or $18.7 \%$ increase in service charges on deposit accounts

Total loans ended the quarter at $\$ 529,119$, representing an increase of $\$ 14,427$ or $2.8 \%$ compared with December 31, 2005 , and an increase of $\$ 71,353$ or $15.6 \%$ compared with the same date last year. Commercial loans continued to drive the overall growth of the Bank s loan portfolio.

The Bank s non-performing loans remained at low levels during the quarter, representing $\$ 896$, or $0.17 \%$ of total loans at March 31, 2006. Reflecting the continued stable performance of the loan portfolio, during the first quarter of 2006 the Bank recorded a provision for loan losses of $\$ 28$ thousand, compared with none during the first quarter of 2005.

Investment securities totaled $\$ 201,129$ at March 31, 2006, representing an increase of $\$ 17,829$ or $9.7 \%$ compared with December 31, 2005, and an increase of $\$ 37,700$ or $23.1 \%$ compared with the same date last year.

At March 31, 2006, retail deposits totaled $\$ 392,380$, representing an increase of $\$ 7,035$ or $1.8 \%$ compared with December 31, 2005, and an increase of $\$ 33,568$ or $9.4 \%$ compared with the same date last year.

Total borrowings amounted to $\$ 243,703$ at March 31, 2006, representing increases of $\$ 4,007$ and $\$ 24,640$, or $1.7 \%$ and $11.3 \%$, compared with December 31, and March 31, 2005, respectively.

The Company continued to exceed regulatory requirements for well-capitalized institutions, ending the quarter with a Tier I Capital Ratio of $7.29 \%$.

At March 31, 2006 the Company s tangible book value per share of common stock outstanding amounted to $\$ 17.30$, compared with $\$ 16.83$ at the same date in 2005.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## Net Interest Income

Net interest income is the principal component of the Company's income stream and represents the difference or spread between interest generated from earning assets and the interest expense paid on deposits and borrowed funds. Net interest income is entirely generated by the Bank. Fluctuations in market interest rates as well as volume and mix changes in earning assets and interest bearing liabilities can materially impact net interest income.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, net interest income on a fully tax-equivalent basis amounted to $\$ 5,674$, compared with $\$ 5,513$ during the first quarter of 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 161$, or $2.9 \%$. The increase in net interest income was principally attributed to an increase in average earning assets of $\$ 94,457$ or $15.0 \%$, as the first quarter 2006 net interest margin was 37 basis points lower than the same quarter in 2005.

Factors contributing to the changes in net interest income and the net interest margin are further enumerated in the following discussion and analysis.

Net Interest Income Analysis:
The following table summarizes the Company s average balance sheets and components of net interest income, including a reconciliation of tax equivalent adjustments, for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively:

## AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET AND ANALYSIS OF NET INTEREST INCOME THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

|  | 2006 |  |  | 2005 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average |  | Average | Average |  | Average |
|  | Balance | Interest | Rate | Balance | Interest | Rate |
| Interest Earning Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans (1,3) | \$520,868 | \$ 8,280 | 6.45\% | \$450,943 | \$ 6,642 | 5.97\% |
| Taxable investment securities | 155,724 | 1,839 | 4.79\% | 134,555 | 1,381 | 4.16\% |
| Non-taxable investment securities (3) | 36,120 | 600 | 6.74\% | 34,352 | 609 | 7.19\% |
| Total Investments | 191,844 | 2,439 | 5.16\% | 168,907 | 1,990 | 4.78\% |
| Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 11,791 | 149 | 5.12\% | 10,500 | 104 | 4.02\% |
| Fed funds sold, money market funds, and time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| deposits with other banks | 1,547 | 13 | 3.41\% | 1,243 | 7 | 2.28\% |
| Total Earning Assets | 726,050 | 10,881 | 6.08\% | 631,593 | 8,743 | 5.61\% |
| Non-Interest Earning Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and due from banks | 7,494 |  |  | 7,347 |  |  |
| Allowance for loan losses | $(4,654)$ |  |  | $(4,830)$ |  |  |
| Other assets (2) | 27,197 |  |  | 29,922 |  |  |
| Total Assets | \$756,087 |  |  | \$664,032 |  |  |
| Interest Bearing Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | \$404,086 | \$ 2,609 | 2.62\% | \$343,814 | \$ 1,291 | 1.52\% |
| Securities sold under repurchase agreements |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and fed funds purchased | 14,701 | 89 | 2.46\% | 13,662 | 49 | 1.45\% |
| Borrowings from Federal Home Loan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank | 223,939 | 2,509 | 4.54\% | 195,954 | 1,890 | 3.91\% |
| Total Borrowings | 238,640 | 2,598 | 4.42\% | 209,616 | 1,939 | 3.75\% |
| Total Interest Bearing Liabilities | 642,726 | 5,207 | 3.29\% | 553,430 | 3,230 | 2.37\% |
| Rate Spread |  |  | 2.79\% |  |  | 3.24\% |
| Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demand deposits | 50,418 |  |  | 48,773 |  |  |
| Other liabilities | 6,150 |  |  | 5,728 |  |  |
| Total Liabilities | 699,294 |  |  | 607,931 |  |  |
| Shareholders' equity | 56,793 |  |  | 56,101 |  |  |
|  | \$756,087 |  |  | \$664,032 |  |  |

Total Liabilities and Shareholders'
Equity
Net interest income and net interest

| margin $(3)$ | 5,674 | $3.17 \%$ | 5,513 | $3.54 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| Less: Tax Equivalent adjustment | $(187)$ |  | $(202)$ |  |
| $\quad$ Net Interest Income | $\$ 5,487$ | $3.06 \%$ | $\$ 5,311$ | $3.41 \%$ |

(1) For purposes of these computations, non-accrual loans are included in average
loans.
(2) For purposes of these computations, unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities are recorded in other assets.
(3) For purposes of these computations, reported on a tax equivalent basis.

## Net Interest Margin:

The net interest margin, expressed on a tax-equivalent basis, represents the difference between interest and dividends earned on interest-earning assets and interest paid to depositors and other creditors, expressed as a percentage of average earning assets.

The net interest margin is determined by dividing tax-equivalent net interest income by average interest-earning assets. The interest rate spread represents the difference between the average tax-equivalent yield earned on interest earning-assets and the average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities. The net interest margin is generally higher than the interest rate spread due to the additional income earned on those assets funded by non-interest bearing liabilities, primarily demand deposits and shareholders equity.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 the net interest margin amounted to $3.17 \%$, representing a decline of 37 basis points compared with the same period in 2005.

The following table summarizes the net interest margin components, on a quarterly basis, over the past two years. Factors contributing to the changes in the net interest margin are enumerated in the following discussion and analysis.

## NET INTEREST MARGIN ANALYSIS FOR QUARTER ENDED

|  | 2006 | 2005 |  |  |  | 2004 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Rate |  | Average Rate |  |  | Average Rate |  |  |
|  | 1st Qtr | 4th Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 1st Qtr | 4th Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 2nd Qtr |
| Interest Earning Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans (1,2) | 6.45\% | 6.34\% | 6.22\% | 6.10\% | 5.97\% | 5.91\% | 5.75\% | 5.63\% |
| Taxable investment securities | 4.79\% | 4.47\% | 4.09\% | 4.11\% | 4.16\% | 4.01\% | 4.00\% | 3.71\% |
| Non-taxable investment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| securities (2) | 6.74\% | 6.62\% | 6.84\% | 6.76\% | 7.19\% | 6.95\% | 6.86\% | 6.91\% |
| Total Investments | 5.16\% | 4.89\% | 4.57\% | 4.62\% | 4.78\% | 4.57\% | 4.51\% | 4.28\% |
| Investment in Federal Home |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loan Bank stock | 5.12\% | 4.85\% | 4.41\% | 4.07\% | 4.02\% | $3.49 \%$ | 3.02\% | 2.47\% |
| Fed Funds sold, money market funds, and time deposits with other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| banks | 3.41\% | 3.92\% | 3.46\% | $3.20 \%$ | 2.28\% | 2.33\% | 1.84\% | 1.28\% |


| Total Earning Assets | 6.08\% | 5.94\% | 5.79\% | 5.70\% | 5.61\% | 5.48\% | 5.30\% | 5.14\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest Bearing Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 2.62\% | 2.27\% | 2.02\% | 1.76\% | 1.52\% | 1.41\% | 1.34\% | 1.32\% |
| Securities sold under repurchase agreements | 2.46\% | 2.15\% | 1.91\% | 1.82\% | 1.45\% | 1.11\% | 1.13\% | 1.15\% |
| Other borrowings | 4.54\% | 4.39\% | 4.27\% | 4.07\% | 3.91\% | 3.86\% | 3.43\% | 3.41\% |
| Total Borrowings | 4.42\% | 4.21\% | 4.10\% | 3.93\% | 3.75\% | 3.65\% | 3.33\% | 3.28\% |
| Total Interest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bearing Liabilities | 3.29\% | 2.96\% | 2.76\% | 2.56\% | 2.37\% | 2.23\% | 2.12\% | 2.10\% |
| Rate Spread | 2.79\% | 2.98\% | 3.03\% | 3.14\% | 3.24\% | 3.25\% | 3.18\% | 3.04\% |
| Net Interest Margin (2) | 3.17\% | 3.36\% | 3.39\% | 3.45\% | 3.54\% | 3.55\% | 3.45\% | 3.28\% |
| Net Interest Margin without |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax Equivalent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjustments | 3.06\% | 3.26\% | 3.30\% | 3.35\% | 3.41\% | 3.43\% | 3.33\% | 3.16\% |

(1) For purposes of these computations, non-accrual loans are included in average loans.
(2) For purposes of these computations, reported on a tax equivalent basis.

In June of 2004, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve") began increasing short-term interest rates. Through March 31, 2006, the Federal Funds targeted rate was increased fifteen times, ending the quarter at $4.75 \%$. However, during this same period of time, the benchmark 10 -year U.S. Treasury note declined 2 basis points, causing a dramatic 377 basis point flattening of the U.S. Treasury yield curve.

In the first quarter of 2005 the net interest margin began to decline and this decline has continued through the first quarter of 2006. The declining net interest margin was principally attributed to the increases in the Bank s cost of funds outpacing the increases in yields on its interest earning assets, reflecting the re-pricing of a large portion of the Bank s funding base during a period of rapidly rising short-term interest rates, combined with highly competitive pricing pressures with respect to loans and deposits, a higher utilization of wholesale funding, and the inherent net interest margin challenges widely associated with a flat U.S. Treasury yield curve.

Comparing the first quarter of 2006 with the same quarter in 2005, the increase in the cost of the Bank s interest bearing liabilities exceeded the increase in yields on earning assets by 45 basis points.

Bank management anticipates continued pressure on the net interest margin during 2006, and believes that continued balance sheet growth will be needed to meaningfully increase net interest income should short term interest rates increase or remain at current levels and the U.S. Treasury curve remain flat or become inverted.

The Bank s interest rate sensitivity position is more fully described below in Part I, Item 3 of this report on Form 10-Q, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Interest Income
: For the three months ended March 31, 2006, total interest income, on a fully tax-equivalent basis, amounted to $\$ 10,881$ compared with $\$ 8,743$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 2,138$, or $24.4 \%$.

The increase in interest income was attributed to average earning asset growth of $\$ 94,457$ or $15.0 \%$, combined with a 47 basis point increase in the weighted average earning asset yields, when comparing the three month period ended March 31, 2006 with the same period in 2005. Principally reflecting the Federal Reserve s increases in short-term interest rates and its favorable impact on the Bank s variable rate loan portfolio, the weighted average yield on average earning assets amounted to $6.08 \%$ during the first quarter of 2006 , compared with $5.61 \%$ during the same quarter in 2005.

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Comparing the first quarter of 2006 with the same quarter in 2005, the weighted average yield on the Bank s loan portfolio increased 48 basis points to $6.45 \%$, while the weighted average yield on the investment securities portfolio increased 38 basis points to $5.16 \%$.

Interest Expense:
For the three months ended March 31, 2006, total interest expense amounted to $\$ 5,207$, compared with $\$ 3,230$ during the same period in 2005, representing an increase of $\$ 1,977$, or $61.2 \%$.

The increase in interest expense was attributed to increases in average interest bearing liabilities amounting to $\$ 89,296$ or $16.1 \%$, combined with a 92 basis point increase in the weighted average cost of funds, when comparing the three month period ended March 31, 2006 with the same period in 2005. The increase in the average cost of interest bearing funds was principally attributed to the increases in short-term market interest rates between periods, combined with a proportionately higher utilization of wholesale funding.

Comparing the first quarter of 2006 with the same quarter in 2005, the weighted average cost of deposits increased 110 basis points to $2.62 \%$, while the weighted average cost of borrowed funds increased 67 basis points to $4.42 \%$. The increase in the weighted average cost of deposits outpaced the weighted average cost of borrowed funds, reflecting the longer maturities in the Bank s borrowing base that were not as susceptible to movements in short-term market interest rates, combined with a higher utilization of brokered time deposits. In addition, given highly competitive pricing pressures and the need to strengthen customer relationships, during the first quarter of 2006 the Bank more closely followed the market with respect to the re-pricing of maturity and non-maturity deposits, a trend that may continue in the future, given competitive market pressures.

Rate / Volume Analysis:
The following table sets forth a summary analysis of the relative impact on net interest income of changes in the average volume of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, and changes in average rates on such assets and liabilities. The income from tax-exempt assets has been adjusted to a fully tax equivalent basis, thereby allowing uniform comparisons to be made. Because of the numerous simultaneous volume and rate changes during the periods analyzed, it is not possible to precisely allocate changes to volume or rate. For presentation purposes, changes which are not solely due to volume changes or rate changes have been allocated to these categories in proportion to the relationships of the absolute dollar amounts of the change in each.

## ANALYSIS OF VOLUME AND RATE CHANGES ON NET INTEREST INCOME THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 VERSUS MARCH 31, 2005 INCREASES (DECREASES) DUE TO:

|  | Average <br> Volume | Average <br> Rate | Net <br> Interest Income |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans (1,2) | $\$ 1,084$ | $\$ 554$ | $\$ 1,638$ |
| Taxable investment securities | 234 | 224 | 458 |
| Non-taxable investment securities (2) | 136 | $(145)$ | $(9)$ |
| Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 14 | 31 | 45 |
| Fed funds sold, money market funds, and time |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ deposits with other banks | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| TOTAL EARNING ASSETS | $\$ 1,470$ | $\$ 668$ | $\$ 2,138$ |
| Int bearing deposits | 258 | 1,060 | 1,318 |
| Securities sold under repurchase agreements and fed funds |  |  |  |
| purchased | 4 | 36 | 40 |
| Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank | 290 | 329 | 619 |


| TOTAL INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES | $\$ 552$ | $\$ 1,425$ | $\$ 1,977$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NET CHANGE IN NET INTEREST INCOME | $\$ 918$ | $\$(757)$ | $\$ 161$ |

(1) For purposes of these computations, non-accrual loans are included in average loans.
(2) For the purposes of these computations, interest income is reported on a tax-equivalent basis.

Provision for Loan Losses
The provision for loan losses reflects the amount necessary to maintain the allowance for loan losses ("allowance") at a level that, in management s judgment, is appropriate for the amount of inherent risk of loss in the Bank s current loan portfolio.

The Bank s non-performing loans remained at low levels during the first quarter of 2006. Non-performing loans at March 31, 2006 amounted to $\$ 896$, compared with $\$ 868$ and $\$ 527$ at December 31, and March 31, 2005, respectively. Non-performing loans expressed as a percentage of total loans stood at $0.17 \%$ at March 31, 2006, compared with $0.17 \%$ and $0.12 \%$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005. The allowance expressed as a percentage of non-performing loans amounted to $499 \%$ at March 31, 2006, compared with $535 \%$ and $911 \%$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively.

During the first quarter of 2006, net charge offs amounted to $\$ 202$, or annualized net charge offs to average loans outstanding of $0.16 \%$. While first quarter 2006 net charge offs were $\$ 172$ higher than the same quarter in 2005, management does not consider this increase in net loan charge offs to be reflective of a deterioration of credit quality. In this regard, $\$ 193$ thousand of the first quarter 2006 net charge offs were attributed to one credit, which was $100 \%$ provided for in the Bank s previously recorded allowance.

Reflecting the continued stable performance of the loan portfolio, the Bank recorded a provision for loan losses of \$28 in the first quarter of 2006, compared with none during the same quarter in 2005.

Refer to Part I, Item 2 below, Allowance for Loan Losses, in this report on Form 10-Q for further discussion and analysis regarding the allowance.

## Non-interest Income

In addition to net interest income, non-interest income is a significant source of revenue for the Company and an important factor in its results of operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, total non-interest income amounted to $\$ 1,604$, compared with $\$ 1,103$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 501$, or 45.4\%.

Factors contributing to the changes in non-interest income are enumerated in the following discussion and analysis:
Trust and Other Financial Services:
Income from trust and financial services is principally derived from fee income based on a percentage of the market value of client assets under management and held in custody and, to a lesser extent, revenue from brokerage services conducted through Bar Harbor Financial Services, an independent third-party broker.

During the first quarter of 2006, income from trust and other financial services amounted to $\$ 504$ compared with $\$ 475$ during the same quarter in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 29$, or $6.1 \%$.

The increase in fee income was driven by trust and investment management services, as revenue generated from third-party brokerage activities at Bar Harbor Financial Services posted small declines, reflecting lower trading volumes, including sales of mutual funds and annuity products.

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At March 31, 2006, total managed assets at Bar Harbor Trust Services, a Maine chartered non-depository trust company and second tier subsidiary of the Company, stood at $\$ 226,945$ compared with $\$ 220,537$ and $\$ 198,362$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $2.9 \%$ and $14.4 \%$, respectively.

## Service Charges on Deposits

: This income is principally derived from monthly deposit account maintenance and activity fees, overdraft fees, and a variety of other deposit account related fees.

Income generated from service charges on deposit accounts totaled $\$ 343$ during the three month period ended March 31 , 2006, compared with $\$ 289$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 54$ or $18.7 \%$.

The increase in service charges on deposits was attributed, in part, to the introduction of a new overdraft protection service, which was launched by the Bank in the third quarter of 2005. The increase also reflects the continued growth of the Bank s retail, non-maturity deposit base.

## Credit Card Service Charges and Fees:

This income is principally derived from the Bank s merchant credit card processing services and, to a lesser extent, fees associated with its Visa credit card product. Historically, the Bank s merchant credit card processing activities have been seasonal in nature with transaction and fee income volumes peaking in the summer and autumn, while declining in the winter and spring.

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, credit card service charges and fees amounted to $\$ 230$ compared with $\$ 201$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 29$, or $14.4 \%$.

While merchant credit card processing profit margins have tightened over the past few years, with competition from large regional processors intensifying, the Bank has been able to generate higher levels of revenue through increased volumes of transactions, competitive pricing strategies, and the local support offered by a community bank.

Net Gains on the Sale of Securities:

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, net gains on the sale of securities amounted to $\$ 310$ compared with $\$ 21$ during the same period in 2005.

There is no assurance that the recording of securities gains will continue in future reporting periods at current or historical levels. It is important to note, however, that the available for sale investment securities portfolio is managed on a total return basis, in concert with well-structured asset/liability management policies. Bank management will continue to respond to changes in market interest rates, changes in securities pre-payment or extension risk, changes in the availability of and yields on alternative investments, and the Bank s needs for adequate liquidity.

Other Operating Income:

During the three months ended March 31, 2006 total other operating income amounted to $\$ 164$, compared with $\$ 67$ during the same period in 2005, representing an increase of $\$ 97$ or $144.8 \%$.

The increase in other operating income was attributed to a $\$ 145$ gain on the sale of a parcel of Bank owned real estate adjacent to the Bank s Southwest Harbor, Maine branch office.

Non-interest Expense

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During the three months ended March 31, 2006, total non-interest expenses amounted to $\$ 4,885$, compared with $\$ 4,783$ and during the same period in 2005, representing an increase of $\$ 102$ or $2.1 \%$.

Factors contributing to the changes in non-interest expense are enumerated in the following discussion and analysis.
Salaries and Employee Benefit Expenses:
During the three months ended March 31, 2006, salaries and employee benefit expenses amounted to $\$ 2,444$, compared with $\$ 2,614$ during the same period in 2005 , representing a decline of $\$ 170$, or $6.5 \%$.

The decline in salaries and employee benefits was principally attributed to the recording of employee severance expenses of $\$ 238$ during the first quarter of 2005 , made in connection with the Company s previously reported leadership changes. Excluding the 2005 severance expenses, first quarter 2006 salaries and employee benefits were showing an increase of $\$ 68$ or $2.9 \%$, reflecting normal employee compensation increases, increased health insurance costs, the opening of a new branch office, as well as the impact and timing of certain staffing changes during 2005 and 2006.

## Occupancy Expenses:

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, total occupancy expenses amounted to $\$ 312$, compared with $\$ 307$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 5$, or $1.6 \%$. The small increase in occupancy expenses reflect, in part, the favorable impact of relatively mild weather conditions in Down East and Mid Coast, Maine, during the first quarter of 2006 compared with the same period last year.

## Furniture and Equipment Expenses

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, furniture and equipment expenses amounted to $\$ 500$ compared with $\$ 431$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 69$, or $16.0 \%$, compared with the same period in 2005.

The increase in furniture and equipment expenses was principally attributed, in part, to certain expenses associated with the upgrade and maintenance of the Company s technology infrastructure, and certain expenses associated with the Bank s renovation and opening of a new branch office in the community of Somesville, Maine.

Other Operating Expenses:
During the three months ended March 31, 2006, other operating expenses amounted to $\$ 1,463$, compared with $\$ 1,296$ during the same period in 2005 , representing an increase of $\$ 167$, or $12.9 \%$.

The increase in other operating expenses was attributed, in part, to certain marketing costs, which were $\$ 58$ higher in the first quarter of 2006 compared with the same quarter in 2005. Also, miscellaneous losses amounted to $\$ 36$ during the quarter, compared with a $\$ 14$ recovery during the first quarter of 2005 . The increase in other operating expenses also reflects expenses associated with the Bank soutsourcing of its statement rendering function during the latter part of 2005 .

## Income Taxes

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, income taxes amounted to $\$ 615$, compared with $\$ 418$ during the same period in 2005, representing an increase of $\$ 197$, or $47.1 \%$. Comparing the three months ended March 31, 2006 with the same period in 2005, the percentage increase in income taxes outpaced the increase in pre-tax earnings principally due to non-taxable income generated from the Bank s securities and loan portfolios bearing a smaller percentage of
income before income taxes than the comparable period in 2005.
The Company's effective tax rate for the three month ended March 31, 2006 amounted to $28.3 \%$, compared with $25.6 \%$ for the same period in 2005. The income tax provisions for these periods are less than the expense that would result from applying the federal statutory rate of $34 \%$ to income before income taxes principally because of the impact of tax exempt interest income on certain investment securities, loans and bank owned life insurance.

Comparing the three months ended March 31, 2006 with the same period in 2005, the effective tax rates showed increases, principally due to non-taxable income bearing a smaller percentage of income before income taxes than the comparable period in 2005.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

## Total Assets

The Company s assets principally consist of loans and investment securities, which at March 31, 2006 represented $67.8 \%$ and $25.7 \%$ of total assets, respectively.

At March 31, 2006, total assets amounted to \$781,207 compared with $\$ 748,455$ and $\$ 664,527$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 32,752$ and $\$ 116,680$, or $4.4 \%$ and $17.6 \%$, respectively.

## Investment Securities

The investment securities portfolio is primarily comprised of mortgage-backed securities issued by U.S. government agencies, U.S. government sponsored enterprises, and other corporate issuers. The portfolio also includes tax-exempt obligations of state and political subdivisions, and obligations of other U.S. government sponsored enterprises.

The overall objectives of the Bank s strategy for the investment securities portfolio include maintaining an appropriate level of liquidity, diversifying earning assets, managing interest rate risk, leveraging the Bank strong capital position, and generating acceptable levels of net interest income.

At March 31, 2006, total investment securities amounted to $\$ 201,129$, compared with $\$ 183,300$ and $\$ 163,429$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 17,829$ and $\$ 37,700$, or $9.7 \%$ and $23.1 \%$, respectively.

Market yields showed meaningful improvement during the first quarter of 2006, presenting management with opportunities for increasing the Bank s earning assets and generating higher levels of net interest income.

## Loans

The loan portfolio is primarily secured by real estate in the counties of Hancock, Washington and Knox, Maine. The following table summarizes the components of the Bank's loan portfolio as of the dates indicated.

## LOAN PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

|  | March 31, <br> 2006 | December 31, <br> 2005 | March 31, <br> 2005 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residential real estate mortgages | $\$ 240,881$ | $\$ 237,109$ | $\$ 224,198$ |


| Commercial real estate mortgages | 144,335 | 135,493 | 108,472 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Commercial and industrial | 58,362 | 58,637 | 48,094 |
| Agricultural and other loans to farmers | 18,216 | 18,997 | 14,496 |
| Consumer | 12,033 | 12,582 | 11,854 |
| Home equity | 48,605 | 49,307 | 47,894 |
| Tax exempt | 6,687 | 2,741 | 2,758 |
| $\quad$ Total loans | 529,119 | 514,866 | 457,766 |
| $\quad$ Allowance for loan losses | $(4,473)$ | $(4,647)$ | $(4,799)$ |
| $\quad$ Total net loans | $\$ 524,646$ | $\$ 510,219$ | $\$ 452,967$ |

## Total Loans

: At March 31, 2006, total loans amounted to $\$ 529,119$, compared with $\$ 514,866$ and $\$ 457,766$ at December 31, and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 14,253$ and $\$ 71,353$, or $2.8 \%$ and $15.6 \%$, respectively.

At March 31, 2006, total commercial loans amounted to $\$ 220,913$, compared with $\$ 213,127$ and $\$ 171,062$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 7,786$ and $\$ 49,851$, or $3.7 \%$ and $29.1 \%$, respectively.

Commercial loans represented $54.6 \%$ and $69.9 \%$ of the total loan growth when comparing March 31, 2006 with December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively. Bank management attributes this growth, in part, to a mature commercial lending team, a variety of new business development initiatives, and a relatively stable local economy.

At March 31, 2006, total consumer loans, principally consumer real estate loans, amounted to $\$ 301,519$, representing increases of $\$ 2,521$ and $\$ 17,573$, or $0.8 \%$ and $6.2 \%$, compared with December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively.

Following record refinancing activity over the past few years and moderate increases in long-term interest rates, consumer real estate loan originations slowed during 2005 and this trend continued during the first quarter of 2006. However, consumer real estate loan growth continued during this period, as new purchase transactions accounted for an increasing proportion of loan originations.

In general, loan origination activity has benefited from a still-favorable market interest rate environment, a stable local economy, and initiatives designed to expand the Bank's product offerings and attract new customers while continuing to leverage its existing customer base.

At March 31, 2006, consumer and commercial real estate loans comprised $82.0 \%$ of the loan portfolio, compared with $81.8 \%$ and $83.1 \%$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively. The continued strength in the local real estate markets, both residential and commercial, has led to historically high property values in the Bank s market area. Recognizing the impact this trend may have on the loan portfolio and origination pipeline, the Bank periodically reviews its underwriting standards in an effort to ensure that the quality of the loan portfolio is not jeopardized by unrealistic loan to value ratios or debt service levels. There was no significant deterioration in the performance or risk characteristics of the real estate loan portfolio through the reporting period.

## Credit Risk

: Credit risk is managed through loan officer authorities, loan policies, oversight from the Bank s Senior Credit Officer, the Bank's Senior Loan Officers Committee, the Director's Loan Committee, and the Bank's Board of Directors. Management follows a policy of continually identifying, analyzing and grading credit risk inherent in the loan portfolio. An ongoing independent review, subsequent to management's review, of individual credits is performed by an independent loan review function, which reports to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

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As a result of management s ongoing review of the loan portfolio, loans are placed on non-accrual status, either due to the delinquent status of principal and or interest, or a judgment by management that, although payments of principal and or interest are current, such action is prudent because collection in full of all outstanding principal and interest is in doubt. Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal and or interest is 90 days overdue, or sooner if judged appropriate by management. Consumer loans are generally charged-off when principal and or interest payments are 120 days overdue, or sooner if judged appropriate by management.

## Non-performing Loans:

Non-performing loans include loans on non-accrual status, loans that have been treated as troubled debt restructurings and loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest. There were no troubled debt restructurings in the loan portfolio during 2005 and this continued to be the case during the three months ended March 31, 2006. The following table sets forth the details of non-performing loans at the dates indicated:

## TOTAL NON-PERFORMING LOANS

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 31 \text {, } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis: Real estate loans: |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Construction and development | \$ --- | \$ --- | \$ |
| Mortgage | 355 | 267 | 385 |
| Loans to finance agricultural production and other loans to farmers | --- | --- | --- |
| Commercial and industrial loans | 463 | 593 | 80 |
| Loans to individuals for household, family and other personal expenditures | 7 | 5 | 22 |
| Total non-accrual loans | 825 | 865 | 487 |
| Accruing loans contractually past due 90 days or more | 71 | 3 | 40 |
| Total non-performing loans | \$ 896 | \$ 868 | \$ 527 |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans | 499\% | 535\% | 911\% |
| Non-performing loans to total loans | 0.17\% | 0.17\% | 0.12\% |
| Allowance to total loans | 0.85\% | 0.90\% | 1.05\% |

During the quarter ended March 31, 2006, non-performing loans remained at relatively low levels. The Bank attributes this success to mature credit administration processes and underwriting standards, aided by a relatively stable local economy. The Bank maintains a centralized loan collection and managed asset department, providing timely and effective collection efforts for problem loans.

At March 31, 2006, total non-performing loans amounted to $\$ 896$, or $0.17 \%$ of total loans, compared with $\$ 868$ or $0.17 \%$ at December 31, 2005, and $\$ 527$ or $0.12 \%$ at March 31, 2005.

While the non-performing loan ratios continued to reflect the favorable quality of the loan portfolio at March 31, 2006, Bank management is cognizant of relatively soft economic conditions overall, and believes it is managing credit risk accordingly. Future levels of non-performing loans may be influenced by economic conditions, including the impact of those conditions on the Bank's customers, including higher interest rates and debt service levels, oil and gas prices, tourism activity, and other factors existing at the time. Management believes the economic activity and conditions in the local real estate markets will continue to be significant determinants of the quality of the loan portfolio in future periods and, thus, the Company $s$ results of operations and financial condition.

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Other Real Estate Owned:
When the Bank takes ownership of collateral property upon foreclosure of a real estate secured loan, the property is transferred from the loan portfolio to Other Real Estate Owned ("OREO") at its fair value. If the loan balance is higher than the fair value of the property, the difference is charged to the allowance for loan losses at the time of the transfer. OREO is classified on the consolidated balance sheet with Other Assets. At March 31, 2006, there was no OREO, unchanged from December 31 and March 31, 2005.

## Allowance for Loan Losses

: The allowance for loan losses ("allowance") is available to absorb losses on loans. The determination of the adequacy of the allowance and provisioning for estimated losses is evaluated quarterly based on review of loans, with particular emphasis on non-performing and other loans that management believes warrant special consideration.

The allowance is maintained at a level that, in management $s$ judgment, is appropriate for the amount of risk inherent in the current loan portfolio, and adequate to provide for estimated losses.

Specific reserves for impaired loans are determined in accordance with SFAS No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors For Impairment of a Loan," as amended by SFAS No. 118, "Accounting by Creditors For Impairment of a Loan-Income Recognition and Disclosures." The amount of loans considered to be impaired totaled $\$ 463$ as of March 31, 2006, compared with $\$ 593$ and $\$ 80$ as of December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively. The related allowance for loan losses on these impaired loans amounted to $\$ 54$ as of March 31, 2006, compared with $\$ 238$ and $\$ 21$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively.

Management recognizes that early and accurate recognition of risk is the best means to reduce credit losses and maximize earnings. The Bank employs a comprehensive risk management structure to identify and manage the risk of loss. For consumer loans, the Bank identifies loan delinquency beginning at 10 -day delinquency and provides appropriate follow-up by written correspondence or personal contact. Non-residential mortgage consumer loan losses are recognized no later than the point at which a loan is 120 days past due. Residential mortgage losses are recognized during the foreclosure process, or sooner, when that loss is quantifiable and reasonably assured. For commercial loans, the Bank applies a risk grading system, which stratifies the portfolio and allows management to focus appropriate efforts on the highest risk components of the portfolio. The risk grades include ratings that correlate with regulatory definitions of Pass, Other Assets Especially Mentioned, Substandard, Doubtful, and Loss.

Loan loss provisions are recorded based upon overall aggregate data, and the allowance is increased when, on an aggregate basis, additional estimated losses are identified and deemed likely. No portion of the allowance is restricted to any loan or group of loans, and the entire allowance is available to absorb realized losses. The amount and timing of realized losses and future allowance allocations could vary from current estimates.

While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, changing economic conditions and the economic prospects of the borrowers may necessitate future additions or reductions to the allowance. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Bank s allowance, which also may necessitate future additions or reductions to the allowance, based on information available to them at the time of their examination.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, net charge-offs amounted to $\$ 202$, or annualized net charge-offs to average loans outstanding of $0.16 \%$, compared with net charge-offs of $\$ 30$, or annualized net charge-offs to average loans outstanding of $0.03 \%$ during the same period in 2005. Of the $\$ 202$ in first quarter 2006 net charge-offs, $\$ 193$ was attributed to one borrower, which was $100 \%$ provided for in the Bank s previously recorded allowance.

There were no material changes in loan concentrations during the three months ended March 31, 2006.

The following table details changes in the allowance and summarizes loan loss experience by loan type for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

## ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES <br> THREE MONTHS ENDED <br> MARCH 31, 2006 AND 2005

|  | 2006 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Balance at beginning of period | $\$ 4,647$ | 2005 |
| Charge offs: |  | 4,829 |
| $\quad$ Commercial, financial, agricultural, other loans to farmers | --- | 2 |
| Real estate: | --- | --- |
| $\quad$ Construction and development | 193 | -- |
| $\quad$ Mortgage | 25 | 51 |
| $\quad$ Installments and other loans to individuals | 218 | 53 |
| Total charge offs |  |  |
| Recoveries: | 1 | 9 |
| $\quad$ Commercial, finance agricultural, other loans to farmers | --- | 5 |
| $\quad$ Real estate: | 8 | -- |
| $\quad$ Construction and development | 7 | 9 |
| $\quad$ Mortgage | 16 | 23 |
| $\quad$ Installments and other loans to individuals | 202 | 30 |
| Total recoveries | 28 | --- |
| Net charge offs | $\$ 4,473$ | $\$ 4,799$ |
| Provision charged to operations | $\$ 520,868$ | $\$ 450,943$ |
| Balance at end of period | $0.16 \%$ | $0.03 \%$ |

Based upon the process employed and giving recognition to all attendant factors associated with the loan portfolio, management believes the allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2006, to be appropriate for the risks inherent in the loan portfolio and resident in the local and national economy as of that date.

## Deposits

During the first quarter of 2006, the most significant funding source for the Bank s earning assets continued to be retail deposits, gathered through its network of twelve banking offices throughout Down East and Mid-Coast Maine.

Historically, the banking business in the Bank s market area has been seasonal, with lower deposits in the winter and spring and higher deposits in summer and autumn. These seasonal swings have been fairly predictable and have not had a materially adverse impact on the Bank. Seasonal swings in deposits have been typically absorbed by the Bank s strong liquidity position, including borrowing lines from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston ("FHLB") and cash flows from the securities portfolio. During the first quarter of 2006, the Bank s net deposit outflows were less than historical norms. Management attributes this to the successful introduction of a new variable rate money market account product, combined with deposit pricing strategies designed to satisfy the changing expectations of its customers, as market interest rates and competitive pricing pressures continued to escalate.

At March 31, 2006, total deposits amounted to $\$ 474,752$ compared with $\$ 445,731$ and $\$ 384,204$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 29,021$ and $\$ 90,548$, or $6.5 \%$ and $23.6 \%$, respectively.

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The increases in total deposits were principally attributed to certificates of deposit obtained from the national market ("brokered deposits"), which increased $\$ 21,986$ and $\$ 56,980$, or $36.4 \%$ and $224.4 \%$, when comparing March 31, 2006 with December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively. The increase in brokered deposits was utilized to help fund the Bank s earning asset growth, which outpaced retail deposit growth. Additionally, during 2005 the Bank modified its funding and liquidity strategies, providing more balance between brokered deposits and borrowed funds. Borrowed funds at March 31, 2006, showed increases of $1.7 \%$ and $11.3 \%$ compared with December 31, and March 31, 2005, respectively.

At March 31, 2006, retail deposits totaled $\$ 392,380$ compared with $\$ 385,345$ and $\$ 358,812$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 7,035$ and $\$ 33,568$, or $1.8 \%$ and $9.4 \%$, respectively. Comparing March 31 , 2006 with the same date in 2005, savings and money market accounts led the overall growth, followed by certificates of deposit and NOW accounts. However, the rate of demand deposit growth lagged historical norms. During the second and third quarters of 2005, the Bank launched several new deposit products, including free business and personal checking products, which it believes are highly competitive. Management believes these products will help increase demand deposits in the foreseeable future.

Management believes that competition from banks and non-banks has intensified, as savers and investors seek higher returns in an atmosphere of rising short-term interest rates, and that financial institutions in particular have been aggressively pricing their deposits in order to fund earning asset growth.

Since short-term rates began rising in June 2004, management has exercised restraint with respect to overly aggressive deposit pricing strategies, and has sought to achieve an appropriate balance between retail deposit growth and wholesale funding levels, while considering the associated impacts on the Bank $s$ net interest margin and liquidity position.

At March 31, 2006, retail deposits represented $82.6 \%$ of total deposits, compared with $86.5 \%$ and $93.4 \%$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively.

## Borrowed Funds

Borrowed funds principally consist of advances from the FHLB and, to a lesser extent, securities sold under agreements to repurchase. Advances from the FHLB are principally secured by stock in the FHLB, investment securities, and blanket liens on qualifying mortgage loans and home equity loans.

The Bank utilizes borrowed funds in leveraging its strong capital position and supporting its earning asset portfolios. Borrowed funds are principally utilized to support the Bank s investment securities portfolio and, to a lesser extent, fund loan growth. Borrowed funds also provide a means to help manage balance sheet interest rate risk, given the Bank s ability to select desired amounts, terms and maturities on a daily basis.

At March 31, 2006, total borrowings amounted to $\$ 243,703$, compared with $\$ 239,696$ and $\$ 219,063$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, representing increases of $\$ 4,007$ and $\$ 24,640$, or $1.7 \%$ and $11.3 \%$, respectively. The increases in borrowed funds were utilized to help support the Bank s earning asset growth, which outpaced retail deposit growth.

At March 31, 2006, total borrowings expressed as a percent of total assets amounted to $31.2 \%$, compared with $32.0 \%$ and $33.0 \%$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively.

## Capital Resources

Consistent with its long-term goal of operating a sound and profitable organization, during the first quarter of 2006 the Company maintained its strong capital position and continued to be a "well capitalized" financial institution according to applicable regulatory standards. Management believes this to be vital in promoting depositor and investor

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confidence and providing a solid foundation for future growth.
The Company and the Bank are subject to the risk based capital guidelines administered by the Company s and the Bank's principal regulators. The risk based capital guidelines are designed to make regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banks and bank holding companies, to account for off-balance sheet exposure and to minimize disincentives for holding liquid assets. Under these guidelines, assets and off-balance sheet items are assigned to broad risk categories, each with appropriate weights. The resulting capital ratios represent capital as a percentage of risk weighted assets and off-balance sheet items. The guidelines require all banks and bank holding companies to maintain a minimum ratio of total risk based capital to risk weighted assets of $8 \%$, including a minimum ratio of Tier I capital to total risk weighted assets of $4 \%$ and a Tier I capital to average assets of $4 \%$ ("Leverage Ratio"). Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary, actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

As of March 31, 2006, the Company and the Bank were considered well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. Under the capital adequacy guidelines, a well capitalized institution must maintain a minimum total risk based capital to total risk weighted assets ratio of at least $10 \%$, a minimum Tier I capital to total risk weighted assets ratio of at least $6 \%$, and a minimum Tier I leverage ratio of at least $5 \%$.

The following table sets forth the Company's regulatory capital at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, under the rules applicable at that date.

|  | March 31, 2006 |  | December 31, 2005 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| Total Capital to Risk Weighted Assets | $\$ 59,361$ | $11.4 \%$ | $\$ 59,063$ | $11.8 \%$ |
| Regulatory Requirement | 41,608 | $8.0 \%$ | 40,028 | $8.0 \%$ |
| Excess | $\$ 17,753$ | $3.4 \%$ | $\$ 19,035$ | $3.8 \%$ |
| Tier 1 Capital to Risk Weighted Assets | $\$ 54,888$ | $10.6 \%$ | $\$ 54,416$ | $10.9 \%$ |
| Regulatory Requirement | 20,804 | $4.0 \%$ | 20,014 | $4.0 \%$ |
| Excess | $\$ 34,084$ | $6.6 \%$ | $\$ 34,402$ | $6.9 \%$ |
| Tier 1 Capital to Average Assets | $\$ 54,888$ | $7.3 \%$ | $\$ 54,416$ | $7.5 \%$ |
| Regulatory Requirement | 30,107 | $4.0 \%$ | 28,847 | $4.0 \%$ |
| Excess | $\$ 24,781$ | $3.3 \%$ | $\$ 25,569$ | $3.55 \%$ |

The Company's principal source of funds to pay cash dividends and support its commitments is derived from Bank operations. The Company declared dividends in the aggregate amount of $\$ 646$ and $\$ 673$ during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, at a rate of $\$ 0.22$ and $\$ 0.21$ per share, respectively.

In March 2004, the Company announced its second stock repurchase plan. The board of directors of the Company authorized open market and privately negotiated purchases of up to $10 \%$ of the Company s outstanding shares of common stock, or 310,000 shares. Purchases began on March 4, 2004 and continued through December 31, 2005. The Company s board of directors subsequently authorized the continuance of this stock repurchase plan through December 31, 2006. Depending on market conditions and other factors, these purchases may be commenced or suspended at any time, or from time-to-time, without prior notice. As of March 31, 2006, the Company had repurchased 122,457 shares of stock under this plan, or $39.5 \%$ of the total authorized, at a total cost of $\$ 3,359$ and an average price of $\$ 27.43$ per share. The Company records the repurchased shares as treasury stock.

The Company believes that a stock repurchase plan is a prudent use of capital at this time. Management anticipates the stock repurchase plan will be accretive to the return on average shareholders equity and earnings per share.

## Contractual Obligations

The Company is a party to certain contractual obligations under which it is obligated to make future payments. These principally include borrowings from the FHLB, consisting of short and long-term fixed rate borrowings, and collateralized by all stock in the FHLB, a blanket lien on qualified collateral consisting primarily of loans with first and second mortgages secured by one-to-four family properties, and certain pledged investment securities. The Company has an obligation to repay all borrowings from the FHLB.

The Company is also obligated to make payments on an operating lease for its branch office in Somesville and its office in Bangor, Maine.

The following table summarizes the Company s contractual obligations at March 31, 2006. Borrowings are stated at their contractual maturity due dates and do not reflect call features, or principal amortization features, on certain borrowings.

## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

(Dollars in thousands)

| Description | Total Amount of Obligations | Payments Due By Period |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | < 1 Year | 1-3 Years | 4-5 Years | > 5 Years |
| Operating Leases | \$ 366 | \$ 73 | \$ 130 | \$ 144 | \$ 19 |
| Borrowings from Federal Home Loan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank | 229,062 | 124,200 | 53,155 | 33,963 | 17,744 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 14,641 | 14,641 | --- | --- | --- |
| Total | \$244,069 | \$138,914 | \$53,285 | \$34,107 | \$17,763 |

In the normal course of its banking and financial services business, and in connection with providing products and services to its customers, the Company has entered into a variety of traditional third party contracts for support services. Examples of such contractual agreements would include services providing ATM, Visa debit and credit card processing, trust services accounting support, student loan servicing, check printing, and the leasing of T-1 telecommunication lines supporting the Company s wide area technology network.

The majority of the Company s core operating systems and software applications are maintained "in-house" with traditional third party maintenance agreements of one year or less.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company is, from time to time, a party to certain off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources, that may be material to investors.

At March 31, 2006, the Company s off-balance sheet arrangements were limited to standby letters of credit.
Standby Letters of Credit:

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The Bank guarantees the obligations or performance of certain customers by issuing standby letters of credit to third parties. These letters of credit are sometimes issued in support of third party debt. The risk involved in issuing standby letters of credit is essentially the same as the credit risk involved in extending loan facilities to customers, and they are subject to the same origination, portfolio maintenance and management procedures in effect to monitor other credit products. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Bank upon issuance of a standby letter of credit, is based upon management's credit evaluation of the customer.

At March 31, 2006, commitments under existing standby letters of credit totaled $\$ 115$, compared with $\$ 115$ and $\$ 1,284$ at December 31 and March 31, 2005, respectively. The fair value of the standby letters of credit was not significant as of the foregoing dates.

## Off Balance Sheet Risk

The Bank is party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financial needs of its customers and to reduce its own exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and certain financial derivative instruments; namely, interest rate swap agreements and interest rate floor agreements.

## Commitments to Extend Credit:

Commitments to extend credit represent agreements by the Bank to lend to a customer provided there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. These commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee.

Since many of these commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Bank evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis using the same credit policies as it does for its balance sheet instruments. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Bank upon the issuance of commitment, is based on management's credit evaluation of the customer.

The following table summarizes the Bank's commitments to extend credit as of the dates shown:

|  | March 31, | December 31, | March 31, |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| (dollars in thousands) | 2006 | 2005 | 2005 |
| Commitments to originate loans | $\$ 29,007$ | $\$ 40,779$ | $\$ 19,781$ |
| Unused lines of credit | 74,483 | 73,190 | 77,467 |
| Un-advanced portions of construction loans | 5,671 | 6,110 | 6,558 |
| $\quad$ Total | $\$ 109,161$ | $\$ 120,079$ | $\$ 103,806$ |

Financial Derivative Instruments:
As part of its overall asset and liability management strategy, the Bank periodically uses derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings and cash flows caused by interest rate volatility. The Bank's interest rate risk management strategy involves modifying the re-pricing characteristics of certain assets and liabilities so that changes in interest rates do not have a significant adverse effect on net interest income. Derivative instruments that management periodically uses as part of its interest rate risk management strategy include interest rate swap agreements and interest rate floor agreements. A policy statement, approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank, governs use of derivative instruments.

At March 31, 2006 the Bank had four outstanding derivative instruments with notional amounts totaling $\$ 50,000$. The notional amounts of the financial derivative instruments do not represent exposure to credit loss. The Bank is exposed to credit loss only to the extent the counter-party defaults in its responsibility to pay interest under the terms of the
agreements. Management does not anticipate non-performance by the counter-parties to the agreements, and regularly reviews the credit quality of the counter-parties from which the instruments have been purchased.

The details of the Bank s financial derivative instruments as of March 31, 2006 are summarized below. Also refer to Note 7 of the consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1, of this report on Form 10-Q.

INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENTS

| Description | Maturity | Notional Amount | Fixed Interest | Rate |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Variable Interest |
| :---: |
| Rate |

The Bank is required to pay a counter-party monthly variable rate payments indexed to Prime, while receiving monthly fixed rate payments based upon interest rates of $6.04 \%$ and $6.25 \%$, respectively, over the term of each respective agreement.

The following table summarizes the contractual cash flows of the interest rate swap agreements outstanding at March 31, 2006, based upon the then current Prime interest rate of $7.75 \%$ :

|  | Less Than |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | 1 Year | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years |
| Fixed payments due from counter-party | \$2,623 | \$1,229 | \$1,394 | \$ |
| Variable payments due to counter-party based on prime rate | \$3,289 | \$1,550 | \$1,739 | \$ |
| Net cash flow | (\$666) | (\$321) | (\$345) | \$ |

## INTEREST RATE FLOOR AGREEMENTS

|  | Termination | Prime | Premium |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Notional Amount | Date | Strike Rate | Paid |
| $\$ 20,000$ | $08 / 01 / 10$ | $6.00 \%$ | $\$ 186$ |
| $\$ 10,000$ | $11 / 01 / 10$ | $6.50 \%$ | $\$ 69$ |

During the third and fourth quarters of 2005, interest rate floor agreements were purchased by the Bank to limit its exposure to falling interest rates on two pools of loans indexed to the Prime interest rate. Under the terms of the agreements, the Bank paid up front premiums for the right to receive cash flow payments if the Prime rate falls below the predetermined floor rates, thus effectively ensuring interest income on two pools of Prime based loans with notional amounts of $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 10,000$, at a minimum of $6.00 \%$ and $6.50 \%$ for the duration of the agreements, respectively. The interest rate floor agreements were designated as a cash flow hedge in accordance with SFAS 133.

## Liquidity

Liquidity is measured by the Company s ability to meet short-term cash needs at a reasonable cost or minimal loss. The Company seeks to obtain favorable sources of liabilities and to maintain prudent levels of liquid assets in order to satisfy varied liquidity demands. Besides serving as a funding source for maturing obligations, liquidity provides flexibility in responding to customer-initiated needs. Many factors affect the Company s ability to meet liquidity needs, including variations in the markets served by its network of offices, its mix of assets and liabilities, reputation and credit standing in the marketplace, and general economic conditions.

The Bank actively manages its liquidity position through target ratios established under its Asset Liability Management Policy. Continual monitoring of these ratios, both historical and through forecasts under multiple rate scenarios, allows the Bank to employ strategies necessary to maintain adequate liquidity.

The Bank uses a basic surplus model to measure its liquidity over 30 and 90 -day time horizons. The relationship between liquid assets and short-term liabilities that are vulnerable to non-replacement are routinely monitored. The Bank spolicy is to maintain its liquidity position at approximately $5 \%$ of total assets. At March 31, 2006, liquidity, as measured by the basic surplus/deficit model, was $7.5 \%$ over the 30 -day horizon and $6.9 \%$ over the 90 -day horizon.

At March 31, 2006, the Bank had unused lines of credit and net unencumbered qualifying collateral availability to support its credit line with the FHLB approximating $\$ 60$ million. The Bank also had capacity to borrow funds on a secured basis utilizing certain un-pledged securities in its investment securities portfolio. The Bank s loan portfolio provides an additional source of contingent liquidity that could be accessed in a reasonable time period through pledging or sales. The Bank also has access to the national brokered deposit market, and has been using this funding source to bolster its liquidity position.

Changes in economic conditions, including consumer savings habits and availability or access to the brokered deposit market could potentially have a significant impact on the Company s liquidity position.

The Bank maintains a liquidity contingency plan approved by the Bank s Board of Directors. This plan addresses the steps that would be taken in the event of a liquidity crisis, and identifies other sources of liquidity available to the Company.

## Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices

The Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements presented elsewhere in this report have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which require the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation.

Unlike many industrial companies, substantially all of the assets and virtually all of the liabilities of the Company are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on the Company s performance than the general level of inflation. Over short periods of time, interest rates and the U.S. Treasury yield curve may not necessarily move in the same direction or in the same magnitude as inflation.

While the financial nature of the Company s consolidated balance sheets and statements of income is more clearly affected by changes in interest rates than by inflation, inflation does affect the Company because as prices increase the money supply tends to increase, the size of loans requested tends to increase, total Company assets increase, and interest rates are affected by inflationary expectations. In addition, operating expenses tend to increase without a corresponding increase in productivity. There is no precise method, however, to measure the effects of inflation on the Company s financial statements. Accordingly, any examination or analysis of the financial statements should take into consideration the possible effects of inflation.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of loss in a financial instrument arising from adverse changes in market rates/prices, such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and equity prices. Interest rate risk is the most significant market risk affecting the Company. Other types of market risk do not arise in the normal course of the Company s business activities.

Interest Rate Risk:
Interest rate risk can be defined as an exposure to movement in interest rates that could have an adverse impact on the Bank's net interest income. Interest rate risk arises from the imbalance in the re-pricing, maturity and/or cash flow characteristics of assets and liabilities. Management's objectives are to measure, monitor and develop strategies in response to the interest rate risk profile inherent in the Bank's balance sheet. The objectives in managing the Bank's balance sheet are to preserve the sensitivity of net interest income to actual or potential changes in interest rates, and to enhance profitability through strategies that promote sufficient reward for understood and controlled risk.

The Bank's interest rate risk measurement and management techniques incorporate the re-pricing and cash flow attributes of balance sheet and off balance sheet instruments as they relate to current and potential changes in interest rates. The level of interest rate risk, measured in terms of the potential future effect on net interest income, is determined through the use of modeling and other techniques under multiple interest rate scenarios. Interest rate risk is evaluated in depth on a quarterly basis and reviewed by the Asset/Liability Committee ("ALCO") and the Bank s Board of Directors.

The Bank's Asset Liability Management Policy, approved annually by the Bank s Board of Directors, establishes interest rate risk limits in terms of variability of net interest income under rising, flat, and decreasing rate scenarios. It is the role of ALCO to evaluate the overall risk profile and to determine actions to maintain and achieve a posture consistent with policy guidelines.

The Bank utilizes an interest rate risk model widely recognized in the financial industry to monitor and measure interest rate risk. The model simulates the behavior of interest income and expense of all balance sheet and off-balance sheet instruments, under different interest rate scenarios together with a dynamic future balance sheet. Interest rate risk is measured in terms of potential changes in net interest income based upon shifts in the yield curve.

The interest rate risk sensitivity model requires that assets and liabilities be broken down into components as to fixed, variable, and adjustable interest rates, as well as other homogeneous groupings, which are segregated as to maturity and type of instrument. The model includes assumptions about how the balance sheet is likely to evolve through time and in different interest rate environments. The model uses contractual re-pricing dates for variable products, contractual maturities for fixed rate products, and product specific assumptions for deposits accounts, such as money market accounts, that are subject to re-pricing based on current market conditions. Re-pricing margins are also determined for adjustable rate assets and incorporated in the model. Investment securities and borrowings with call provisions, are examined on an individual basis in each rate environment to estimate the likelihood of a call. Prepayment assumptions for mortgage loans and mortgage backed securities are developed from industry median estimates of prepayment speeds, based upon similar coupon ranges and seasoning. Cash flows and maturities are then determined, and for certain assets, prepayment assumptions are estimated under different interest rate scenarios. Interest income and interest expense are then simulated under several hypothetical interest rate conditions including:

- A flat interest rate scenario in which current prevailing rates are locked in and the only balance sheet fluctuations that occur are due to cash flows, maturities, new volumes, and re-pricing volumes consistent with this flat rate assumption.
- A 200 basis point rise or decline in interest rates applied against a parallel shift in the yield curve over a twelve- month period together with a dynamic balance sheet anticipated to be consistent with such interest rate changes.


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- Various non-parallel shifts in the yield curve, including changes in either short-term or long-term rates over a twelve-month horizon, together with a dynamic balance sheet anticipated to be consistent with such interest rate changes.
- An extension of the foregoing simulations to each of two, three, four and five year horizons to determine the interest rate risk with the level of interest rates stabilizing in years two through five. Even though rates remain stable during this two to five year time period, re-pricing opportunities driven by maturities, cash flow, and adjustable rate products will continue to change the balance sheet profile for each of the rate conditions.

Changes in net interest income based upon the foregoing simulations are measured against the flat interest rate scenario and actions are taken to maintain the balance sheet interest rate risk within established policy guidelines.

The following table summarizes the Bank's net interest income sensitivity analysis as of March 31, 2006, over one and two-year horizons and under different interest rate scenarios.

## INTEREST RATE RISK CHANGE IN NET INTEREST INCOME FROM THE FLAT RATE SCENARIO MARCH 31, 2006



The foregoing interest rate sensitivity modeling results indicate that the Bank s balance sheet is liability sensitive and is favorably positioned for declining interest rates over the one and two-year horizons. The interest rate sensitivity model also suggests that the Bank is exposed to a parallel increase in short-term and long-term rates over the one and two-year horizons but, as discussed below, management believes that this is a scenario that is less likely to occur.

At March 31, 2006, the U.S. Treasury yield curve was flat, with the two and ten-year U.S. Treasury s closing at $4.82 \%$ and $4.85 \%$, respectively. Given this historical phenomenon, interest rate risk sensitivity modeling is more challenging than would traditionally be the case. Traditional modeling of parallel movements in the March 31, 2006 yield curve would suggest that it would remain flat in either an increasing or declining interest rate environment, a scenario management believes is not likely and one that has historically not occurred. These challenges are discussed in the following discussion and analysis covering the Bank s interest rate risk sensitivity.

Assuming interest rates remain at their current levels and the Bank maintains a static balance sheet, the interest rate sensitivity simulation model suggests that net interest income will trend upward over the one and two-year horizons. The upward trend principally results from the re-investment of security and loan cash flows into higher current interest rate levels, while loans will "index up" in response to recent interest rate movements more quickly than funding costs. Although short-term market interest rates have risen with the recent increases in the Federal Funds rate, the Bank has generally lagged the market with the pricing of deposit rates without a material run-off in balances. Margins could narrow if the Bank is prompted to increase deposit interest rates in response to competitive market pricing pressures. Management anticipates that continued earning asset growth would be needed to meaningfully increase the Bank s

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current level of net interest income, should interest rates remain at current levels.
Assuming short-term and long-term interest rates decline from current levels (i.e., a parallel yield curve shift) and the Bank maintains a static balance sheet, management believes net interest income will increase moderately over the one and two-year horizons. The interest rate sensitivity simulation model suggests that over the one and two-year horizons, funding cost reductions will outpace falling asset yields, favorable impacting net interest income. Notwithstanding, management anticipates continued earning asset growth will be needed to meaningfully increase the Bank scurrent level of net interest income.

The interest rate sensitivity model is used to evaluate the impact on net interest income given certain non-parallel shifts in the yield curve, including changes in either short-term or long-term interest rates. In view of the flat U.S. Treasury yield curve at March 31, 2006, management modeled alternative future interest rate scenarios and the anticipated impact on net interest income. Assuming a static balance sheet, with the short-term Federal Funds interest rate declining 200 basis points, and with the balance of the yield curve returning to its historical ten-year average, the interest rate sensitivity model suggests that net interest income will improve moderately over the twelve-month horizon and continue to strengthen over the 24 month horizon. Management believes this scenario is more likely than a parallel 200 basis point decline in short and long-term interest rates, given the current shape of the yield curve. Management also believes this scenario will increase net interest income without significant earning asset growth.

Assuming that the Federal Reserve continues increasing short-term interest rates by 200 basis points and the balance of the yield curve shifts in parallel with these increases, management believes net interest income will come under significant pressure over the one and two-year horizons, but begin a steady recovery beyond the two-year horizon. The interest rate sensitivity simulation model suggests that as interest rates rise, the Bank sfunding costs will re-price more quickly than its earning asset base over the one and two-year horizons, but this trend will begin reversing itself beyond the two-year horizon. Management believes that strong earning asset growth will be necessary to meaningfully increase the current level of net interest income should short and long-term interest rates rise in parallel. Management believes this is a scenario that is less likely to occur, given that the yield curve would have to remain flat over the one and two-year horizons, a phenomena that has not ever historically occurred. Management also believes that the Federal Reserve is nearing the end of its short-term interest rate tightening cycle, which, historically, has preceded declines in long-term interest rates.

The preceding sensitivity analysis does not represent a Company forecast and should not be relied upon as being indicative of expected operating results. These hypothetical estimates are based upon numerous assumptions including: the nature and timing of interest rate levels and yield curve shape, prepayment speeds on loans and securities, deposit rates, pricing decisions on loans and deposits, reinvestment or replacement of asset and liability cash flows, and others. While assumptions are developed based upon current economic and local market conditions, the Company cannot make any assurances as to the predictive nature of these assumptions including how customer preferences or competitor influences might change.

As market conditions vary from those assumed in the sensitivity analysis, actual results may also differ due to: prepayment and refinancing levels deviating from those assumed; the impact of interest rate change caps or floors on adjustable rate assets; the potential effect of changing debt service levels on customers with adjustable rate loans; depositor early withdrawals and product preference changes; and other such variables. The sensitivity analysis also does not reflect additional actions that the Bank s ALCO and board of directors might take in responding to or anticipating changes in interest rates, and the anticipated impact on the Bank $s$ net interest income.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Company management evaluated, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on such
evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and regulations and are operating in an effective manner.

No change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1: Legal Proceedings
The Company and its subsidiaries are parties to certain ordinary routine litigation incidental to the normal conduct of their respective businesses, which in the opinion of management based upon currently available information will have no material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Item 1A: Risk Factors
There have been no material changes in the Company s risk factors from those disclosed in Part I, Item 1A of the Company s 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
(a) None
(b) None
(c) The following table sets forth information with respect to any purchase made by or on behalf of the Company or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined
in Section 240.10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act, of shares of Company s common stock during the periods indicated.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December 31, 2005 |  |  |  | 206,268 |
| January 1-31, 2006 | 2,750 | \$26.55 | 2,750 | 203,518 |
| February 1-28, 2006 | 4,550 | \$27.66 | 4,550 | 198,968 |
| March 1-31, 2006 | 11,425 | \$27.91 | 11,425 | 187,543 |
| Total | 18,725 | \$27.65 | 18,725 | 187,543 |

In February 2004, the Company s Board of Directors approved a program to repurchase up to $10 \%$ of the Company s outstanding shares of common stock, or approximately 310,000 shares. Purchases began March 4, 2004 and continued through December 31, 2005. In December 2005, the Company announced the continuation of this plan through December 31, 2006. Depending on market conditions and other factors, these purchases may be commenced or
suspended at any time, or from time-to-time, without prior notice.

| Item 3: Defaults Upon Senior Securities | None |
| :---: | :---: |
| Item 4: Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders | None |
| Item 5: Other Information |  |
| (a) None |  |
| (b) None |  |
| Item 6: Exhibits |  |
| (a) Exhibits. |  |
| EXHIBIT |  |
| 3 3.1 Articles of Incorporation | Articles as amended July 11, 1995 are incorporated by reference to Form S-14 filed with the Commission March 26, 1984 (Commission Number 2-90171). |
| 3.2 Bylaws | Bylaws as amended to date are incorporated by reference to Form 10-K, Item 14 (a)(3) filed with the Commission March 28, 2002. (Commission Number 001-13349) |
| 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer under Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) | Filed herewith. |
| Certification of the Chief Financial Officer under Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) | Filed herewith. |
| 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer under 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 | Filed herewith. |
| 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer under 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 | Filed herewith. |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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(Registrant)<br>/s/Joseph M. Murphy<br>Joseph M. Murphy<br>Chief Executive Officer<br>/s/Gerald Shencavitz<br>Gerald Shencavitz<br>Chief Financial Officer

