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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**SALISBURY BANK ANNOUNCES EMPLOYEE AWARDS**

Lakeville, CT – June 15, 2016 – Salisbury Bank gives out awards to four deserving employees for the year 2015.

The Employee of the Year award recognizes one “Outstanding Employee” annually to celebrate their customer service, leadership, professionalism, enthusiasm, knowledge, and strong work ethic. The Employee of the Year must live our vision and core values. This year’s recipient, Gary Cope, serves as an Information Technology Specialist. Not only is Gary extremely hard-working and cheerful, but his patience seems never-ending, even when solving the most complex challenges. Some of Gary’s teammates said, “Gary is very knowledgeable and always willing to help even if it is a long process,” and that “Gary is always smiling over the phone; he never lets you know that he is having anything but a great day in IT. No matter what the issue is he makes you feel like you are his only customer.”

The Rookie of the Year Award recognizes an employee who has really stepped up during their first year. The recipient of the 2015 Rookie of the Year Award, Brooke Morehouse, has consistently been willing to learn any task at hand. She is a quick learner whose talents have been recognized and sought after by other departments in the short time she has been with the Bank. Brooke is self-motivated, responsible, organized, and willing to go the extra mile. She brings innovative and useful ideas to tasks at hand. Brooke is described as friendly, respectful, funny, and a team player.

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an employee who consistently volunteers for the Bank throughout the year. We are fortunate to have many volunteers for various events. During 2015, employees participated in 40 bank sponsored events which required volunteers, most of these events occurred on weekends. Of the 40 events, Michele LaPlante volunteered for 11 of them. This included shred days, equestrian events and summer music events. When Michele is not working or volunteering on behalf of the Bank, she participates in walks that bring awareness to various important causes. Michele exudes energy and has a passion for volunteering, all while living the Bank’s core values.

The 2015 President’s Award was presented to Jessica White. A few months ago, Jessica was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. While ALS may control what she can do with her body, it does not control what comes from within. It does not control her attitude or perspective because she has not let it. She remains committed to fulfilling her responsibilities to her customers, her coworkers, her department, and to the Bank. Jessica continues to be a valuable resource, and efficiently oversees several complex relationships for her department. That is why it was truly an honor and an inspiration to present Jessica with this award.

Salisbury Bank is a full-service community bank headquartered in Lakeville, Connecticut and presently operates full service branches in Canaan, Lakeville, Salisbury and Sharon, Connecticut; Great Barrington, Sheffield and South Egremont, Massachusetts; as well as Dover Plains, Fishkill, Millerton, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, and Red Oaks Mill, New York. The Bank has been serving families and businesses for over

160 years and offers a full range of consumer and business banking products and services as well as trust and investment services.