

*The Wilton Bank Salutes  
Friends of Ambler Farm.*

*Sam Gardner,  
Susan DiLoreto,  
Mariann Bigelow,  
Michael Cuddy,  
Friends of Ambler Farm  
Business Banking Customer*

With determination and dedication, the Friends of Ambler Farm (FOAF) has set out to revitalize and sustain a community farm that will educate the Wilton residents about the food we grow, the land that produces it, and the natural resources and historical heritage we must safeguard.

It is an enormous task, but an important one. And in order to oversee the development, funding and long-term management of the Farm, FOAF has undertaken a series of ambitious projects. These include renovations of 200-year-old buildings to serve as a workshop and meeting sites; fundraising events; expansion of the heirloom garden to provide produce for the Wilton Food Bank; the sale of herbs grown under the Ambler label; and the addition of a sunflower garden to help fuel future educational programming.

“Our vision for Ambler Farm is to educate the community about the ‘farm to table’ process of planting, harvesting and eating fresh food,” explains FOAF President Susan DiLoreto. “The bigger picture is to raise awareness about good land stewardship. By generously underwriting the most recent issue of our newsletter, The Wilton Bank and Village Market are helping us convey this message.”


As one of Wilton’s last working farms, Ambler Farm is a tribute to our rich agricultural roots and an invaluable resource for our schools, businesses and community. We invite all our neighbors to join The Wilton Bank as we salute Friends of Ambler Farm.



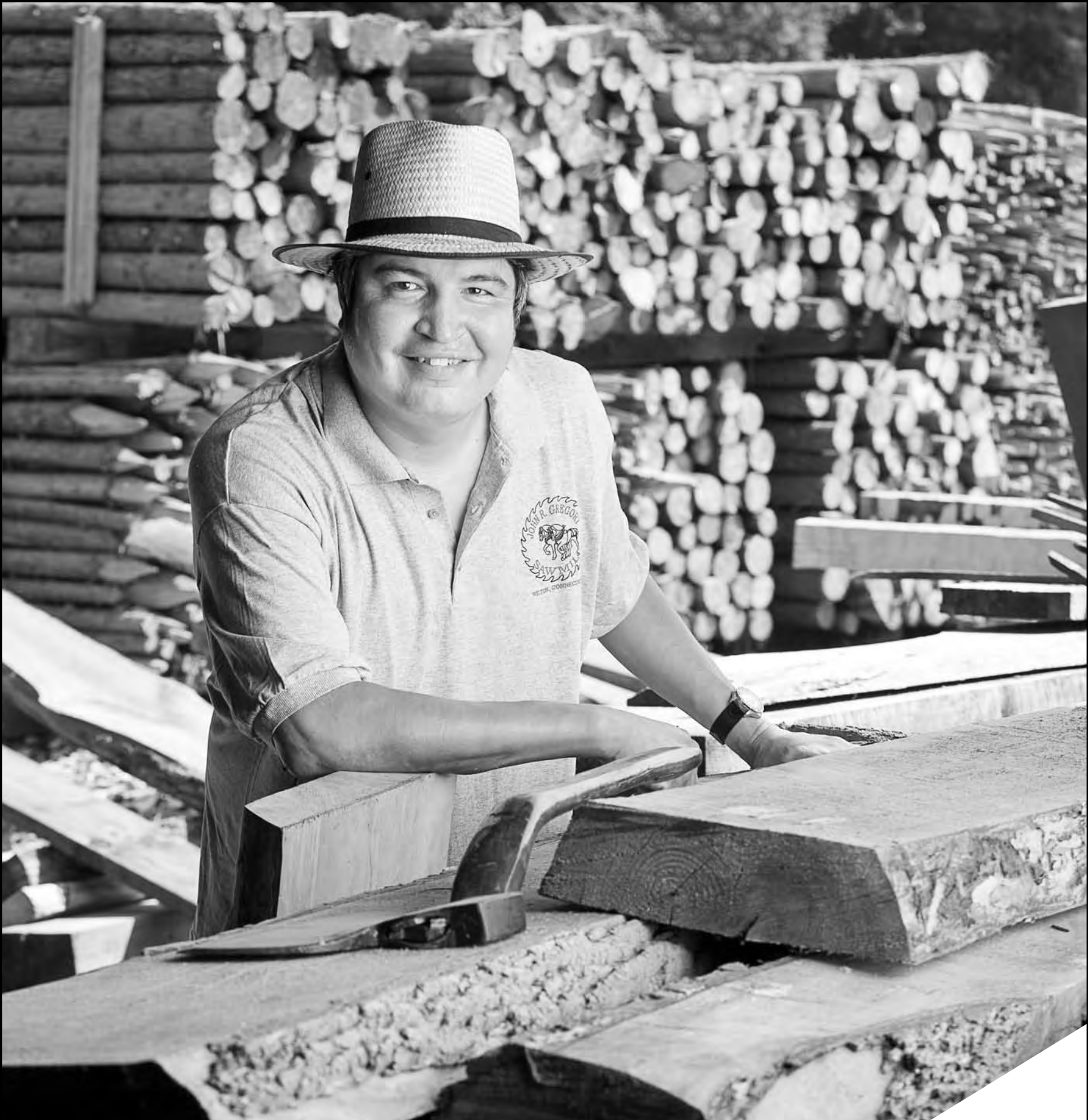
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*“The Wilton Bank provides a personal touch you don’t get anywhere else.”*

*Taber Gregory,  
Gregory’s Sawmill*

*Business Banking Customer*

“Gregory’s Sawmill has been a Wilton fixture and a family-owned business for 150 years. We started out manufacturing handmade farm implements and have grown and expanded through the generations.

“We have always kept the family tradition of working with other small community-oriented businesses like ourselves. So we were pretty upset when we approached our former bankers for a mortgage and they did not respect who we were. They had been taken over by a mega-bank, so we became just another account number to them.

“We knew Melissa [Mednick] through a mutual friend, and she suggested that we call The Wilton Bank. Not only did The Wilton Bank approve our mortgage, but it was done in twenty-four hours! The other bank had made the process a lot more complicated than it needed to be.

“The Wilton Bank staff has a personal touch ... as customers you matter to them. There is a sense of security, knowing that if there is a problem, we will be called. And that personal touch goes beyond financial matters. When our father passed away in April, Melissa called to offer encouragement and helped us set up a memorial in his name. What other bank would do that? With the busy lives we all lead, it is important to know you’re not forgotten.”




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*“The Wilton Bank works with me to achieve my highest goals ... that’s a good partner!”*

*Brian Perry,  
Patty Perry, Alice Woods,  
Open House Gifts*

*Business Banking Customer*

“My mother started Open House Gifts with a couple of friends from Wilton in 1983, and when I took it over after her death, I found she had already established a relationship with The Wilton Bank.

“I saw great potential in the business, and together with my partners, Alice Woods and my wife Patty, we set up a five-year expansion plan and went to The Wilton Bank to secure finances to help fund our growth.

“As we expanded from general retail gifts to corporate sales, regional retail and e-commerce, The Wilton Bank became much more than just a funding source – they became a true business partner. Nicki Brown, Pat Sweeney, and even some of the Bank Directors were genuinely interested in our success, not just their business revenues.

“There are two aspects of The Wilton Bank that I feel are unique. First, there’s the daily interaction – calls and letters to help proactively with the success of our business. And second are the personal relationships with employees and management. Every time I’ve called on The Wilton Bank, they’ve been available, receptive and have always found solutions to my needs. The Wilton Bank doesn’t just talk about ‘local people serving local needs’ – they live it.”




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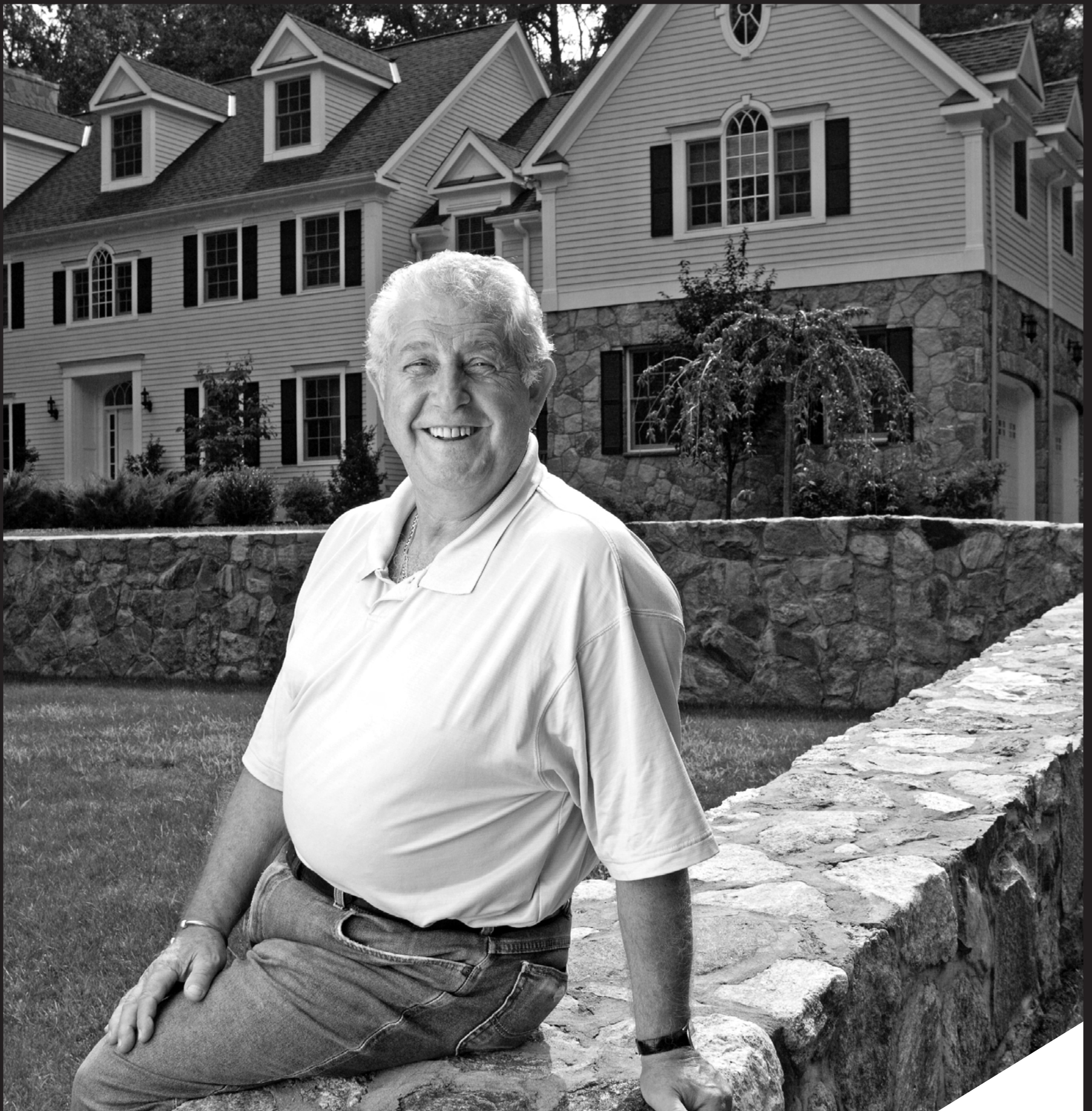
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*“If you need something, it’s done  
right then and there.”*

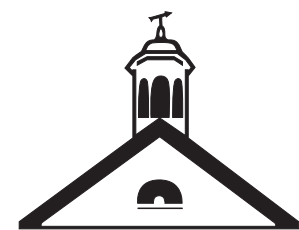
*John Buzzee,  
J. Buzzee & Sons Construction, Inc.  
Business Banking Customer*

“We’d always banked with another small community bank since starting our business in 1979. But that bank was taken over by another bank ... and then another ... and another. So by the time we applied for a construction loan in 2000 to build our next house, no one there knew us anymore.

“Some friends told us about The Wilton Bank, and we fell in love with them! Not only did they give us the loan, but everyone went out of their way to help us. They’re personable, they’re professional, and – let’s face it – if they hadn’t given us the money, we couldn’t have been as successful.

“When we have a question or a problem, we get a response right away. We aren’t shuffled from one person to another, looking for someone who knows the answer. Everyone knows the answer because the same people have been at The Wilton Bank for years.

“How do you explain a bank where everyone knows you by name? It’s like a family – and these days you just can’t find that anywhere else.”



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