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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****AMANDA LIDSTONE OF SALISBURY BANK EARNS NATIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Lakeville, CT – August 9, 2016 – Amanda Lidstone, CRCM, Vice President, Compliance Officer of Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, recently attained the Certified AML and Fraud Professional (CAFP) accreditation.

Prior to this achievement Amanda earned her Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager (CRCM) in November of 2014. The CAFP, which she received in April of this year, positions Amanda as a financial crimes risk-mitigation leader. By passing the exam, she has demonstrated the ability to detect, prevent, monitor, and report current and emerging money laundering and fraud risks.

The designation is from the Institute of Certified Bankers, which is a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association. Unlike other certification programs, the CAFP takes a holistic view of financial crimes by combining Anti-Money Laundering (AML) with fraud prevention. It utilizes an experience-based approach to knowledge and skills application from a variety of perspectives, including realistic scenarios, as it measures the ability to assess and respond to relevant risk.

“Salisbury Bank is fortunate to have Amanda’s expertise as we strive to protect our customers and our industry from financial crimes,” said Todd Clinton, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer. “Achieving her CAFP certification places Amanda in an elite group of AML professionals with the essential knowledge and background required in this crucial and challenging field. I’m extremely proud of her accomplishment,” stated Mr. Clinton.

*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.*