

Pentucket Bank Donates \$25,000 to Art Walk

Team Haverhill and the Friends of the Bradford Rail Trail are thrilled to announce that Pentucket Bank is donating \$25,000 for the Art Walk at the Bradford Rail Trail (BRT). The plan is to have four permanent sculptures and two temporary or rotating sculptures commissioned to be placed along the BRT. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is supervising construction of the BRT. The construction money cannot be used for artwork to go along the trail. "This very generous donation from Pentucket Bank will provide another big draw to help attract people down to the Rail Trail. In addition to those walking, running or biking the trail, numerous people will come to the BRT to enjoy the fantastic sculptures that will be featured along the Trail," says Rebecca York of Team Haverhill and co-chair of the Art Walk project.

There will be a "Call to Artists" going out at the end of June soliciting local and national artists to submit their designs for potential sculptures for the Art Walk. Construction of the Rail Trail is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014 and completed by the spring of 2015 when the sculptures will be installed along the Trail.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Team Haverhill on this unique initiative for the City of Haverhill. I am looking forward to watching the transformation of the Bradford Rail Trail into a safe and interesting destination that residents and visitors to the city will enjoy. Pentucket Bank is proud to be part of this effort towards Haverhill's renaissance." says Scott Cote, President of Pentucket Bank. "Pentucket Bank has been a partner of Team Haverhill's on virtually every project we have worked on. No single business has provided the level of support that Pentucket Bank has. Their major donation, coupled with the "All Aboard" auction gala being held at the Haverhill Country Club on November 16th, will provide \$50,000 for the spectacular art work that will help continue to make Haverhill a destination community. Pentucket Bank's donation for the Art Walk at the Bradford Rail Trail will be the catalyst that leads to the eventual Bridge to Bridge Art Loop," according to Team Haverhill's Tim Jordan.

The "All Aboard" auction gala will feature Haverhill's own Matt Noyes, NECN weatherman, as the auctioneer. The Friends of the BRT and Team Haverhill are currently soliciting auction items. Anyone interested in donating an item should email ArtWalkBRT@teamhaverhill.org