## For immediate release

For more information, contact Diane Knetzger at (203) 652-6319

## Former First Selectman Joins Bankwell as Director of Business Development

Robert E. Mallozzi III will join Bankwell on December 4, 2017 as SVP, Director of Business Development, it was announced by Bankwell CEO Chris Gruseke. Mallozzi will report to David Dineen, EVP and Head of Community Banking.

Mallozzi recently completed three terms as First Selectman of New Canaan. He has served as Chairman of the New Canaan Board of Finance, Fairfield County CEO Representative to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Ex-Officio of the New Canaan Town Council, and Secretary and Interior Firefighter of the New Canaan Fire Company. He has also served on the boards of the Power House Theater/Town Players, New Canaan Library, Waveny Health Network, New Canaan Nature Center and Carriage Barn Art Center.

Prior to his career in public service, Mallozzi was owner of Bob's Sports, Inc. for more than 20 years and a Partner in Caroline Realty, LLC. Among other organizations, he has been a member of Rotary, Emergency Management, and the New Canaan Chamber of Commerce.

Notes Gruseke, "I have known Rob for 25 years, and he personifies community involvement. Rob's values and commitment to the community are thoroughly in line with a successful community bank such as Bankwell. Rob's experience in local government, both here in New Canaan and with his peers throughout Connecticut, coupled with his first-hand experience as a local business owner, make him the ideal person to lead Bankwell's business development efforts as we continue to expand the reach of our franchise."

Adds Mallozzi, "Bankwell plays an integral role in our communities. I am in awe of the level of engagement the bank and its employees bring to the area. Their approach to clients is the same as their approach to community outreach; they take the time to understand needs and goals, then truly partner with organizations and customers to ensure the best outcome. I am proud to be a part of this successfully growing organization."

A New Canaan resident, Mallozzi has been married for 27 years to his wife, Elizabeth, and has two children. He earned a BA from the University of Vermont.

Bankwell is a community bank that serves the banking and lending needs of residents and businesses throughout Connecticut. The bank's mission is to provide outstanding service and give back to the communities it serves. More about Bankwell can be found at mybankwell.com.