On The Right Track

In the 2008 annual report released by Pentucket Bank of Haverhill, Mass., CEO Kendall C. Smith states, “Since forming our mutual bank in 1891, the trustees and bank management have always put long-term endurance and stability at the top of the list….” Smith goes on to say, “I am eagerly looking forward to another challenging, but successful year.”

Given Pentucket Bank’s tremendous success, Maple-Leaf is proud to announce its latest project for the bank—an expansion within Pentucket’s corporate headquarters, expanding the second floor corporate offices into an area once considered leaseable space by the bank. In spite of the challenges in today’s financial world, Pentucket Bank continues on the right track, growing steadily while remaining deeply rooted to the fundamentals developed in their infancy.

The expansion includes more than 4,315 square feet of new space in an area formerly occupied by a local physician. With the latest expansion, Pentucket now occupies the entire 23,130-square-foot headquarters facility and has reallocated departmental space to ensure their services are easily accessible to their clients.

The project involves demolition of the tenant space to accommodate the new buildout, as well as an assessment of the various building utilities, since Pentucket now occupies the whole building.

The buildout relocates the offices of the president and chief financial officer, as well as their direct support staff and peripherals. The commercial loan department will expand into the newly vacated space, and retail banking will grow on the lower level into an area created by the relocation of corporate finance.

The interior of the new executive area will include various ceiling heights, with multiple boxed ceiling soffit areas. These boxed soffits will distinguish areas within an open section that will house a customer waiting area, administrative support, hallways and entry foyers. The ceilings will be highlighted with upper level tube lighting and egg-crate tile. Finishing touches will include full crown moldings, 2’x2’ fixtures and recessed lighting showcasing the new décor.

Interior walls adjoining the common areas of each new office are being constructed of Kawneer window systems, with solid core doors in a mahogany finish. Each adjoining wall has been fully insulated to ensure privacy and will be complemented with wainscoting, wallpaper, chair rail and crown molding.

All electrical systems have been pulled back to the existing service panels and completely rewired to be compatible with up-to-date technologies. In addition, all new security has been routed, and the latest in data wiring has been incorporated.

Other touches will include interior millwork throughout the common areas, built-in file cabinets, shelving and counters. The entry foyer has been upgraded with new doors and security systems, and adjoining areas have been remodeled with new ceiling systems and flooring. Carpet in the newly renovated spaces will match existing lower level décor, with
accenting ceramic tiles in the hallways and high traffic areas. New furnishings, cubicles and accessories will complete the upgrade and expansion.

As for the building’s mechanical systems, after careful analysis of the existing HVAC, the buildout includes provisions for make-up air (i.e., fresh air) utilizing an Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) system. This is an air-to-air exchanger that recovers energy from both heated and cooled air that would normally be lost to air exhausted in today’s building. Through this system, the fresh incoming air is automatically pre-heated or pre-cooled, depending on the season.

By capturing either the cooler or warmer air being exhausted from a building, the requirement to cool or warm incoming air is greatly reduced. It is anticipated that Pentucket Bank will achieve payback in less than two years, not to mention a lifetime reduction in their carbon footprint.

Should your firm be continuing on the right track and require a new facility or building expansion, give Maple-Leaf Construction a call at 603-882-7498.

Project Profile

Crestwood Community Center
Concord, N.H.

Owner: Jensen Communities
Project Scope: Construction of a two-story community center complete with sales office, manager’s office, conference area, administrative support, community room, kitchen and associated restrooms and support areas. Site work was also included.
Timeline: Construction began in May 2009 and is scheduled to be completed within five months.

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