

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 25, 2016

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

001-36448

20-8251355

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

220 Elm Street

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

(Address and Telephone Number)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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On May 25, 2016, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. (Nasdaq BWFG), (the "Company") held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting"). Of the 7,529,191 Company's common stock outstanding as of the record date for the Meeting, 5,715,323 shares were present or represented by proxy at the Meeting.

The voting results from the Meeting were as follows:

1. Election of Directors for One-Year Terms (Proposal 1).		
Director	For	Withheld
Frederick R. Afragola	4,384,814 (96.43%)	162,200 (3.57%)
George P. Bauer	4,384,802 (96.43%)	162,212 (3.57%)
Richard Castiglioni	3,923,529 (86.29%)	623,485 (13.71%)
Eric J. Dale	4,366,404 (96.03%)	180,610 (3.97%)
Blake S. Drexler	4,385,114 (96.44%)	161,900 (3.56%)
James A. Fieber	4,382,774 (96.39%)	164,240 (3.61%)
Christopher Gruseke	4,374,356 (96.20%)	172,658 (3.80%)
Daniel S. Jones	4,385,838 (96.46%)	161,176 (3.54%)
Todd Lampert	3,923,529 (86.29%)	623,485 (13.71%)
Victor S. Liss	4,381,550 (96.36%)	165,464 (3.64%)
Raymond W. Palumbo	4,371,099 (96.13%)	175,915 (3.87%)
Carl M. Porto	4,385,650 (96.45%)	161,364 (3.55%)

2. Ratification of Appointment of Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C. as independent auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 (Proposal 2)

For	Against	Abstain
5,676,364 (99.32%)	7,874 (0.14%)	31,085 (0.54%)

Accordingly, all Director nominees were elected and the independent auditors were ratified.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Registrant

May 25, 2016 By: Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer