

Meiklejohn Mark J.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Meiklejohn Mark J.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC [BRKL]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner

\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

President of subsidiary bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person

\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

C/O BROOKLINE BANCORP,  
INC.,Â 160 WASHINGTON  
STREET

(Street)

BROOKLINE,Â MAÂ 02447

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

35,929 <sup>(1)</sup>

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Security | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                    | Relationships |           |         |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                        |
| Meiklejohn Mark J.<br>C/O BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.<br>160 WASHINGTON STREET<br>BROOKLINE, MA 02447 | Â             | Â         | Â       | President of subsidiary bank |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark J.  
Meiklejohn

01/11/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Received in exchange for 7,668 shares of Bancorp Rhode Island, Inc. common stock in connection with the merger of Bancorp Rhode Island, Inc. with and into Brookline Bancorp, Inc. on January 1, 2012.

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