

SHERMAN MERRILL W

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 SHERMAN MERRILL W

(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 Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting PersonC/O BROOKLINE BANCORP,
INC.,Â 160 WASHINGTON
STREET

(Street)

BROOKLINE,Â MAÂ 02447

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. 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

393,491 ⁽¹⁾

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

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(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
Derivative5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERMAN MERRILL W C/O BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC. 160 WASHINGTON STREET BROOKLINE, MA 02447	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Merrill W.
Sherman

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 83,972 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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