

SHERMAN MERRILL W  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SHERMAN MERRILL W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
 [BRKL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 160 WASHINGTON STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/07/2012

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

BROOKLINE, MA 02447  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/07/2012		S		100	D	\$ 9.48
Common Stock	02/07/2012		S		500	D	\$ 9.49
Common Stock	02/07/2012		S		21,658	D	\$ 9.5
Common Stock	02/07/2012		S		1,500	D	\$ 9.505
Common Stock	02/07/2012		S		200	D	\$ 9.507
							106,349
							105,849
							84,191
							82,691
							82,491

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Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	1,700	D	\$ 9.51	80,791	D
Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	700	D	\$ 9.52	80,091	D
Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	700	D	\$ 9.53	79,391	D
Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	142	D	\$ 9.535	79,249	D
Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	582	D	\$ 9.54	78,667	D
Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	200	D	\$ 9.545	78,467	D
Common Stock	02/07/2012	S	18	D	\$ 9.555	78,449	D

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERMAN MERRILL W 160 WASHINGTON STREET BROOKLINE, MA 02447	X			

## Signatures

Merrill W. Sherman by Michael W. McCurdy  
POA

02/09/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

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