

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC

Form 4

May 30, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHAPMAN RICHARD P JR

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)
05/29/2008

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

Chief Executive Officer

BROOKLINE, MA 02445

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common stock	05/29/2008		M	75,000 A	\$ 4.944 852,738 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common stock	05/29/2008		F	37,267 D	\$ 9.95 815,471	D	
Common stock					201,200	I	Spouse

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock option	\$ 4.944	05/29/2008		M		75,000		04/19/2001	04/19/2009	Common stock	75,
Stock option	\$ 10.1	05/29/2008		A		37,267		05/29/2008	04/19/2009	Common stock	37,
Stock option	\$ 9.19							01/11/2008	04/19/2009	Common stock	78,
Stock option	\$ 10.69							07/24/2007	04/19/2009	Common stock	46,
Stock option	\$ 15.02							01/02/2005	12/19/2013	Common stock	300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CHAPMAN RICHARD P JR 160 WASHINGTON STREET BROOKLINE, MA 02445	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

Paul R. Bechet 05/30/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Includes 1,526 shares awarded as of December 31, 2007 through the ESOP not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

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