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BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): October 20, 2005

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BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-23695	04-3402944
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts	02447-0469
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(617) 730-3500

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition  
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On October 20, 2005, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") announced today its earnings for the 2005 third quarter and approval by its Board of Directors of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.085 per share payable November 15, 2005 to stockholders of record on October 31, 2005. A copy of the press release dated October 20, 2005 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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The Index of Exhibits immediately precedes the attached exhibits.

SIGNATURE

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.

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

Date: October 21, 2005

By: /s/ Paul R. Bechet  
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Paul R. Bechet  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. dated October 20, 2005