

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2010

**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): January 21, 2010

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**BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | <b>0-23695</b><br>(Commission File No.) | <b>04-3402944</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| <b><u>160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts</u></b><br>(Address of principal executive offices) | <b><u>02447-0469</u></b><br>(Zip Code) |
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**(617) 730-3500**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**  
(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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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 and Dividend Declaration**

On January 21, 2010, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) announced its earnings for the 2009 fourth quarter and year and approval by its Board of Directors of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.085 per share payable February 18, 2010 to stockholders of record on February 1, 2010.

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**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: January 22, 2010    By: /s/ Paul R. Bechet  
Paul R. Bechet  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit No.   Description

99.1            Press release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. dated January 21, 2010.