

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
March 01, 2011

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

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): February 28, 2011

**Brookline Bancorp, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Commission
file number:
0-23695**

Delaware **04-3402944**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. employer**
incorporation or organization) **identification no.)**

160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02447-0469
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(617) 730-3500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 28, 2011, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (“Brookline”) completed its acquisition of First Ipswich Bancorp, the bank holding company for The First National Bank of Ipswich. A copy of the press release issued by Brookline is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits.*

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued by Brookline Bancorp, Inc. on March 1, 2011 |

SIGNATURES

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: March 1, 2011 By: /s/ Paul R. Bechet
Paul R. Bechet
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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