

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
May 21, 2009

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) May 19, 2009

Bar Harbor Bankshares

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maine

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

841105-D 01-0393663  
(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

P.O. Box 400  
Main Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0400

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(207) 288-3314

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

Bar Harbor Bankshares issued a press release today announcing that following its Annual

Meeting of Shareholders on May 19, 2009, the Board of Directors conducted its Annual Organizational Meeting and has elected Peter Dodge to serve as Chairman of the Board, succeeding Thomas A. Colwell. Mr. Colwell will assume the role of Vice Chairman, a new Board position approved at the same Board meeting. A copy of the Company's press release is furnished with this current report as an exhibit.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits No. Description

99.1 Copy of Company's press release dated May 21, 2009 furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 21, 2009

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

/s/ Joseph M. Murphy

Joseph M. Murphy  
President and Chief Executive Officer