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April 20, 2006

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): April 20, 2006

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-23695 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) of incorporation) 160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02447-0469 _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

> (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):

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- $\left| { _ } \right|$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Agreement

On April 20, 2006, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") announced its earnings for the 2006 first quarter and approval by its Board of Directors of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.085 per share payable May 15, 2006 to stockholders of record on April 28, 2006. A copy of the press release dated April 20, 2006 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

See exhibit $\ \text{no. 99.1} \ \text{attached} \ \text{hereto for the press} \ \text{release} \ \text{relating to this} \ \text{matter.}$

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: April 20, 2006 By: /s/ Paul R. Bechet

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 April 20, 2006