

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 04, 2009

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 22, 2009

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**BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b>                                   | <b>0-23695</b>        | <b>04-3402944</b>                       |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| <b><u>160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts</u></b> | <b><u>02447-0469</u></b> |
| (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):

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, Declaration of Dividends**

On January 22, 2009, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) (NASDAQ:BRKL) announced its earnings for the 2008 fourth quarter and year and approval by its Board of Directors of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.085 per share and an extra dividend of \$0.20 per share payable February 25, 2009 to stockholders of record on February 5, 2009.

See exhibit no. 99.1 attached hereto for the press release relating to this matter.

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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 23, 2009    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:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| 99.1               | Press release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. dated January 22, 2009 |