

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 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): October 20, 2010

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**BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>0-23695</b> (Commission File No.)	<b>04-3402944</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<b><u>160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts</u></b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b><u>02447-0469</u></b> (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, Declaration of Dividend**

On October 20, 2010, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. announced its earnings for the 2010 third quarter and approval by its Board of Directors of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.085 per share payable November 15, 2010 to stockholders of record on October 29, 2010. See Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto for the press release issued October 20, 2010 relating to these matters.

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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: October 20, 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 October 20, 2010.