

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maine** 01-0393663  
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification #)

82 Main Street  
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609  
(Address, including zip code of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**Bar Harbor Bankshares and Subsidiaries Equity Incentive Plan of 2009**  
(Full Title of the Plan)

**Joseph M. Murphy**  
**President and C.E.O.**  
**Bar Harbor Bankshares**  
**82 Main Street**  
**Bar Harbor, Maine 04609**  
**(207) 288-3314**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

*With copies to:*  
**David M. Austin, Esq.**  
**Eaton Peabody P.A.**  
**80 Exchange Street**  
**Bangor, Maine 04401**  
**(207) 947-0111**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer \_\_\_\_\_ Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer \_\_\_\_\_ Smaller reporting company \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$2.00 par value	175,000	\$34.84	\$6,097,000	\$340.21

- (1) This Registration Statement covers 175,000 shares of common stock, par value \$2.00 per share, of Bar Harbor Bankshares ("Common Stock") available for issuance under the Bar Harbor Bankshares and its Subsidiaries Equity Incentive Plan of 2009 (the "Plan"). In addition, pursuant to Rule 416, this Registration Statement includes such indeterminate number of shares as may be issued in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, split-up, recapitalization, forfeiture under the Plan or other similar event.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The price per share and aggregate offering price are based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock on August 27, 2009 as reported on the NYSE AMEX.

## PART I

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

## ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Introductory Note to Part I of the Form S-8 and Rule 428 of the Securities Act, the information required by Part I is not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").

## ITEM 2. INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Introductory Note to Part I of the Form S-8 and Rule 428 of the Securities Act, the information required by Part I is not filed with the Commission. Registrant will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of a section 10(a) Prospectus hereunder is delivered upon oral or written request of such person, a copy of any document incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference. Requests for such information should be directed to Bar Harbor Bankshares, Attn: Marsha C. Sawyer, 82 Main Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.

## PART II

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference the following documents, which have been previously filed with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"):

- (a) Annual Report filed on Form 10-K of Bar Harbor Bankshares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the Commission on March 16, 2009;
- (b) Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q of Bar Harbor Bankshares for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2009, filed with the Commission on May 11, 2009 (Commission File Number: 841105-D); Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q of Bar Harbor Bankshares for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2009, filed with the Commission on August 10, 2009 (Commission File Number 001-13349); Current Reports on Form 8-K and 8-K/A of Bar Harbor Bankshares filed with the Commission on July 21, 2009, June 26, 2009, May 26, 2009, May 21, 2009, April 22, 2009, February 23, 2009, January 21, 2009, January 20, 2009, and January 9, 2009;
- (c) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on September 10, 1997 under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed with the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereunder have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes hereof to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Not Applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not Applicable

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

The Maine Business Corporation Act, Title 13-C M.R.S.A. Section 101, et seq. (the "MBCA"), permits a corporation to indemnify and advance expenses to any of its directors and officers who was or is a party to a proceeding because that person is or was a director or officer of the corporation and if the following criteria are met: (i) the individual's conduct was in good faith; (ii) the individual reasonably believed (a) in the case of conduct in the

individual's official capacity that such conduct was in the best interests of the corporation, and (b) in all other cases, that the individual's conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; and (iii) in the case of a criminal proceeding, the individual had no reasonable cause to believe the individual's conduct was unlawful. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a corporation has no power to indemnify a director or officer unless it has made a determination that the person has met the relevant standard of conduct set forth above.

As permitted by the MBCA, the bylaws of the Registrant provide that the Registrant shall indemnify its directors and officers, including the advancement of expenses. In addition, the bylaws contain the procedures pursuant to which such indemnification is effectuated.

As permitted by the MBCA, the Registrant maintains directors and officers liability insurance in amounts and on terms which the Registrant's Board of Directors deems reasonable. In the ordinary course of business, the Registrant's Board of Directors regularly reviews the scope and adequacy of such insurance coverage.

#### ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

There are no restricted securities being reoffered or resold pursuant to this Registration Statement.

#### ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

The following is a complete list of exhibits filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Registration Statement.

##### Exhibit

\*5.1 Opinion of Eaton Peabody P.A. as to the legality of the securities being registered.

23.1 Consent of Eaton Peabody P.A (included with Exhibit 5.1 hereto)

\*23.2 Consent of KPMG LLP

24.1 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page)

99.1 Bar Harbor Bankshares and Subsidiaries Equity Incentive Plan of 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to form 8-K filed with Commission on May 26, 2009)

\*Filed herewith

#### ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectuses required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof), which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be

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reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than twenty percent (20%) change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided however, That: Paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) herein do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's Annual Report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement (the "Registration Statement") to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the Town of Bar Harbor, State of Maine, on this 31st day of August, 2009.

	Bar Harbor Bankshares
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By: /s/ Joseph M. Murphy

Joseph M. Murphy  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that each individual whose signature appears below hereby severally constitutes and appoints Joseph M. Murphy and Gerald Shencavitz, and each of them such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this Registration Statement and any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or any substitute or substitutes of any of them may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. (Form S-8) Bar Harbor Bankshares and Subsidiaries Equity Incentive Plan of 2009.

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Peter Dodge	Chairman of the Board	August 31, 2009
/s/ Joseph M. Murphy	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	August 31, 2009
/s/ Gerald Shencavitz	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 31, 2009

/s/ Thomas A. Colwell, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Robert C. Carter, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Robert M. Phillips, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Peter Dodge, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Martha Tod Dudman, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Kenneth E. Smith, Director August 31, 2009

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/s/ Jacquelyn S. Dearborn, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Constance C. Shea, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Lauri E. Fernald, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Scott G. Toothaker, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ Gregg S. Hannah, Director August 31, 2009

/s/ David B. Woodside, Director August 31, 2009

/s/Clyde H. Lewis, Director August 31, 2009

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