BROOKLINE BANCORP INC Form 8-K April 19, 2012

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 18, 2012

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-23695 04-3402944

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) Identification No.)

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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition, Declaration of Dividend

On April 18, 2012, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. Additionally, the Company announced the approval by its Board of Directors of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.085 per share payable on May 25, 2012 to stockholders of record on May 11, 2012. A copy of that press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

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 18, 2012 By: /s/ Julie A. Gerschick

Julie A. Gerschick

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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 18, 2012