

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

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UNITED STATES  
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) October 1, 2009

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

United States  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-51852  
(Commission  
File Number)

06-178-6701  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

325 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New  
York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10601  
(Zip Code)

(914) 684-2500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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



Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a) Northeast Community Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") was notified that the audit practice of Beard Miller Company LLP ("Beard Miller"), its independent registered public accounting firm, was combined with ParenteBeard LLC ("ParenteBeard") on October 1, 2009. As of that same date, Beard Miller resigned as the auditors of the Company and, with the approval of the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, ParenteBeard was engaged as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

The reports of Beard Miller regarding the Company's consolidated financial statements as and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and during the interim period from the end of the most recently completed fiscal year through October 1, 2009, the date of resignation, there were no disagreements with Beard Miller on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Beard Miller would have caused it to make reference to such disagreement in its reports.

Beard Miller has provided the Company with a copy of Beard Miller's letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating that Beard Miller agrees with the disclosures made by the Company in response to Item 304(a) of Regulation S-K. A copy of Beard Miller's letter is filed as Exhibit 16 and incorporated in this Item 4.01(a) by reference.

(b) During the Company's fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 and subsequent interim period preceding the engagement of ParenteBeard, the Company did not consult with ParenteBeard regarding: (1) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; (2) the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, and ParenteBeard did not provide any written report or oral advice that ParenteBeard concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any such accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (3) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement with Beard Miller on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure or the subject of a reportable event.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Other Exhibits.

Exhibit 16.0 Letter of Concurrence From Beard Miller Company LLP Regarding Change in Certifying Accountant

SIGNATURES

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.

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY BANCORP,  
INC.

Date: October 1, 2009

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Martinek  
Kenneth A. Martinek  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer