

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2008

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 17, 2008

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**BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

- 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 17, 2008, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") announced its earnings for the 2007 fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2007 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 15, 2008 to stockholders of record on February 1, 2008.

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 18, 2008    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 17, 2008 |