

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
December 09, 2011

**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): **December 9, 2011**

Brookline Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number: **0-23695**

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

04-3402944
(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02447-0469
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(617) 730-3500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 9, 2011, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. announced that it had received all regulatory approvals required to complete its proposed acquisition of Bancorp Rhode Island, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits*

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. dated December 9, 2011 |

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.

Date: December 9, 2011

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

By: /S/ Michael W. McCurdy
Michael W. McCurdy
General Counsel

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