
Section 1: 8-K (FORM 8-K)

**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 5, 2018

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-23695
(Commission File Number)

04-3402944
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

131 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 425-4600
(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 5, 2018, the Board of Directors of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a stock repurchase program of up to \$10 million of total outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock over a period of twelve months ending on December 31, 2019. The shares may be repurchased from time to time in open market or negotiated transactions at prevailing market prices in accordance with federal securities laws. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 [Press release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. issued December 6, 2018.](#)

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: December 6, 2018

By: /s/ Carl M. Carlson
Carl M. Carlson
Chief Financial Officer

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Section 2: EX-99.1 (PRESS RELEASE)

EXHIBIT 99.1

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. Announces Approval of Stock Repurchase Program

BOSTON, Dec. 06, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company")(NASDAQ: BRKL), the bank holding company for Brookline Bank, Bank Rhode Island and First Ipswich Bank, today announced that the Board of Directors has approved a stock repurchase program for the Company. The program authorizes the repurchase by the Company of up to \$10 million of its total outstanding shares of common stock over a period of twelve months ending on December 31, 2019. The shares may be repurchased from time to time in the open market or negotiated transactions at prevailing market rates in accordance with federal securities laws.

ABOUT BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. is a multi-bank holding company for Brookline Bank, First Ipswich Bank, and Bank Rhode Island and their subsidiaries. Headquartered in Boston, MA, the Company has \$7.32 billion in assets and branches throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island. As a commercially-focused financial institution, the Company, through its banks, offers a wide range of commercial, business and retail banking services, including a full complement of cash management products, on-line banking services, consumer and residential loans and investment services designed to meet the financial needs of small-to mid-sized businesses and retail customers. The Company also provides equipment financing through its Eastern Funding and Macrolase Corporation subsidiaries.

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