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BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2004

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): January 15, 2004

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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| 160 Washington Street, Brookline, MA     | 02447-0469 |
| -----                                    | -----      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

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

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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not Applicable
- (b) Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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Press release dated January 15, 2004

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to this Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On January 15, 2004, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") announced its earnings for the 2003 fourth quarter and year 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 on February 16, 2004 to stockholders of record on January 31, 2004. A copy of the press release dated January 15, 2004 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in the preceding paragraph, as well as Exhibit 99.1 referenced therein, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

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 16, 2004

By: /s/ Paul R. Bechet

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Paul R. Bechet  
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and  
Chief Financial Officer