

Cosman James M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Cosman James M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
[BRKL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
160 WASHINGTON STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/30/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Operations Officer

BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 07/30/2012                           |  | A                              | (A)<br>V Amount (D) Price<br>3,750 (1) A \$ 8.5                   | 16,250  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/30/2012                           |  | A                              | 3,750 (2) A \$ 8.5  | 20,000  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 801 (3)   | I  | By ESOP   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Cosman James M<br>160 WASHINGTON STREET<br>BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469 |               |           | Chief Operations Officer |       |

### Signatures

James M. Cosman, by Michael W. McCurdy,  
POA 08/01/2012  
**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person** **Date**

### Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock shares granted pursuant to the Brookline Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Restricted Stock Plan. The shares vest in three equal installments on an annual basis, commencing one year from the date of grant.
- (2) Performance based restricted stock granted pursuant to the Brookline Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Restricted Stock Plan. The shares vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant based on certain performance based measures.
- (3) Reflects ESOP allocations and dispositions that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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