

CHAPMAN RICHARD P JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 CHAPMAN RICHARD P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BROOKLINE BANCORP INC
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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)
 03/12/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

BROOKLINE, MA 02445

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common stock	03/12/2009		S	25,000 D \$ 9.193	746,760	D	
Common stock					201,200	I	Spouse

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option	\$ 4.944					04/19/2001	04/19/2009	Common stock	150,000		
Stock option	\$ 10.1					05/29/2008	04/19/2009	Common stock	37,267		
Stock option	\$ 9.19					01/11/2008	04/19/2009	Common stock	78,311		
Stock option	\$ 10.69					07/24/2007	04/19/2009	Common stock	46,249		
Stock option	\$ 15.02					01/02/2005	12/19/2013	Common stock	300,000		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHAPMAN RICHARD P JR 160 WASHINGTON STREET BROOKLINE, MA 02445			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Paul R. Bechet, Power of Attorney
03/12/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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