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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHEA WILLIAM J	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
	BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [BPFH]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)				
159 BEAR HILL ROAD	02/28/2011					
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Dee	med 3. 4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Natur				

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and (A)	5)	Owned Following Reported	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/28/2011		P	100	A	\$ 7.18	91,540.744	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		P	100	A	\$ 7.17	91,640.744	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		P	1,000	A	\$ 7.11	92,640.744	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		P	200	A	\$ 7.09	92,840.744	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		P	1,000	A	\$ 7.1	93,840.744	D	

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Common Stock	02/28/2011	P	900	A	\$ 7.11	94,740.744	D
Common Stock	02/28/2011	P	200	A	\$ 7.13	94,940.744	D
Common Stock	02/28/2011	P	100	A	\$ 7.2	95,040.744	D
Common Stock	02/28/2011	P	800	A	\$ 7.09	95,840.744	D
Common Stock	02/28/2011	P	3,000	A	\$ 7.1	98,840.744	D
Common Stock	02/28/2011	P	900	A	\$ 7.12	99,740.744	D

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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. DenNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHEA WILLIAM J 159 BEAR HILL ROAD X NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845

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Date

Signatures

/s/ Margaret W. Chambers, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 03/03/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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