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December 20, 2005

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 15, 2005

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	0-23695	04-3402944
----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	----- (Commission File No.)	----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts	02147
----- (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	----- (Zip Code)

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Definitive Material Agreement.

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On December 15, 2005 the Board of Directors of Brookline Bank, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, approved amendments to the existing employment agreements with Richard P. Chapman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and with Charles H. Peck, President of the Bank. The agreements were amended in response to newly enacted Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Under the amended agreements, the executives shall be entitled to severance payments under the agreements upon the occurrence of a change in control of the Company, as defined in the agreement. The amended employment agreements will be filed as exhibits to the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2005.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired. Not Applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not Applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

None.

SIGNATURES

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 19, 2005

By: /s/ Charles H. Peck

Charles H. Peck
Executive Vice President