

Gavegnano Richard J  
Form 4  
May 03, 2013

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gavegnano Richard J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MERIDIAN INTERSTATE  
BANCORP INC [EBSB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 MERIDIAN STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/23/2013

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/23/2013		A	(A) or (D) 3,500 (2)	\$ 0 143,500 (1)	D	
Common Stock					3,680 (6)	I	By ESOP

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 18.28	04/23/2013		A		7,500		04/23/2014	04/23/2023	Common Stock	7,500 <sup>(3)</sup>
Stock Options	\$ 8.99							10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	75,000 <sup>(4)</sup>
Stock Options	\$ 9.5							10/13/2009	10/13/2018	Common Stock	175,000 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Gavegnano Richard J 10 MERIDIAN STREET EAST BOSTON, MA 02128	X Chairman and CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Lawrence Spaccasi, pursuant to power of attorney

05/02/2013

\_\_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) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

(2) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on April 23, 2014.

(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on April 23, 2014.

(4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

(5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 13, 2009.

(6) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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