

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  
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**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) V Amount 3,750 (1)	\$ 8.5 16,250	D	
Common Stock	07/30/2012		A	(A) V Amount 3,750 (2)	\$ 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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cosman James M 160 WASHINGTON STREET 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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