

SHERMAN MERRILL W  
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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 \*  
 SHERMAN MERRILL W

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)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

160 WASHINGTON STREET

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

(Street)

BROOKLINE, MA 02447

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S		1,135 D \$ 9.16	392,356	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S		3,650 D \$ 9.3	388,706	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S		789 D \$ 9.36	387,917	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S		100 D \$ 9.365	387,817	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S		8,001 D \$ 9.37	379,816	D

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Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 9.371	379,716	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	5,000	D	\$ 9.375	374,716	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 9.378	374,616	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	6,900	D	\$ 9.38	367,716	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	300	D	\$ 9.385	367,416	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	1,300	D	\$ 9.388	366,116	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	3,993	D	\$ 9.39	362,123	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	600	D	\$ 9.395	361,523	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	37,122	D	\$ 9.4	324,401	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	6,800	D	\$ 9.405	317,601	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	2,600	D	\$ 9.408	315,001	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	20,467	D	\$ 9.41	294,534	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	2,300	D	\$ 9.415	292,234	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	11,579	D	\$ 9.42	280,655	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	2,700	D	\$ 9.425	277,955	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	2,000	D	\$ 9.428	275,955	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	3,335	D	\$ 9.43	272,620	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 9.435	272,520	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	1,000	D	\$ 9.44	271,520	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012	S	300	D	\$ 9.445	271,220	D
	02/01/2012	S	9,027	D	\$ 9.45	262,193	D

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S	1,300	D	\$ 9.455	260,893	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S	3,498	D	\$ 9.46	257,395	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S	100	D	\$ 9.465	257,295	D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S	900	D	\$ 9.47	256,395	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)	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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERMAN MERRILL W 160 WASHINGTON STREET BROOKLINE, MA 02447			X	

## Signatures

Merrill W. Sherman by Michael W. McCurdy  
POA 02/02/2012

\_\_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).

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