

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

July 13, 2012

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

July 13, 2012

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-16197

22-3537895

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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500 Hills Drive, Suite 300

Bedminster, New Jersey 07921-1538

(Address of principal executive offices)

(908) 234-0700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On July 13, 2012, Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors and Mr. Frank Kissel, Chairman and CEO of the Company, have determined to separate the position of Chairman from the position of CEO. In connection with that decision, Mr. Kissel will continue as Chairman and relinquish the position of CEO when the Board has elected a new CEO.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99 Press Release of the Company dated July 13, 2012

**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.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: July 13, 2012 By: /s/ Jeffrey J. Carfora  
Jeffrey J. Carfora  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

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