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BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 14, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): April 13, 2006

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BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 0-23695               | 04-3402944                              |
| -----   | -----                 | -----                                   |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

|   |            |
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| 160 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts | 02447-0469 |
| -----   | -----      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)        | (Zip Code) |

(617) 730-3500

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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(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))

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Item 1.01    Entry into a Material Agreement  
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On April 13, 2006, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. announced that Brookline Bank, its wholly-owned subsidiary, completed a merger agreement increasing its ownership interest in Eastern Funding LLC from approximately 28% to 87% through a cash payment of approximately \$16 million, excluding transaction costs.

See exhibit no. 99.1 attached hereto for the press release relating to this matter.

SIGNATURE

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: April 14, 2006      By: /s/ Paul R. Bechet  
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Paul R. Bechet  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

| Exhibit No.<br>----- | Description<br>-----  |
|----------------------|---|
| 99.1                 | Press release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. dated April 13, 2006 |