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BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
August 28, 2003

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 27, 2003

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (617) 730-3500

Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to this Item 5.

On August 27, 2003, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its stockholders voted approval of a stock option plan and a recognition and retention plan. A copy of the press release dated August 27, 2003 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not Applicable
- (b) Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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Press release dated August 27, 2003

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: August 27, 2003

By: /s/\_Paul\_R.\_Bechet\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul R. Bechet, Chief Financial Officer