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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

NOWAK BOGDAN

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BROOKLINE BANCORP INC [BRKL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O BROOKLINE BANCORP. INC., 160 WASHINGTON

STREET

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Held by Sydenham Corporation

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

BROOKLINE, MAÂ 02447

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

3.

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock

43,624 (1)

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Common Stock

22,328 (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

Conversion

Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5)

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Security Direct (D) Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NOWAK BOGDAN

C/O BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC. 160 WASHINGTON STREET

BROOKLINE, MAÂ 02447

Signatures

/s/ Bogdan
Nowak

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/11/2012

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
 - Received in exchange for 8,883 shares of Bancorp Rhode Island, Inc. common stock in connection with the merger of Bancorp Rhode
- (1) Island, Inc. with and into Brookline Bancorp, Inc. on January 1, 2012 (the "Merger"). Includes 2,000 shares of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. common stock held by Mr. Nowak prior to the Merger.
- (2) Received in exchange for 4,765 shares of Bancorp Rhode Island, Inc. common stock in connection with the Merger.

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