## 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): October 16, 2006

# **Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other
(Commission
(IRS Employer

jurisdiction of
File Number)
Identification Number

Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Address of principal executive offices)

(617) 912-1900

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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#### Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Effective October 16, 2006 Mr. John A. Straus has resigned from the Board of Directors of Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (the Company  $\,$ ). Such resignation was formally accepted by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting on October 25, 2006.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunder duly authorized.

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert J. Whelan Name: Robert J. Whelan

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 2, 2006