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**Other Events.**

As previously disclosed, Brookline Bank, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc., held 84.07% of its subsidiary, Eastern Funding LLC (“Eastern Funding”). On January 4, 2019, Brookline Bank purchased the remaining 15.93% interest in Eastern Funding.

**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: January 4, 2019 By: /s/ Michael W. McCurdy  
Chief Risk Officer,  
General Counsel and  
Secretary