

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**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) December 14, 2016

**Bar Harbor Bankshares**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maine**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-13349**

**01-0393663**

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 400**

**Main Street, Bar Harbor, ME**

**04609-0400**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(207) 288-3314**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**ITEM 7.01**

**REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On December 14, 2016, Bar Harbor Bankshares mailed to its shareholders its shareholder dividend letter with respect to its previously announced quarterly dividend of \$0.28 per share of common stock payable on December 15, 2016 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on November 14, 2016. A copy of the Company's shareholder dividend letter is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference thereto. Your attention is directed to the shareholder letter in its entirety.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d)

Exhibits No. Description

99.1

Copy of Company's shareholder dividend letter dated December 15, 2016.

**SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: December 14, 2016

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

/s/ Curtis C. Simard

Curtis C. Simard

President & Chief Executive Officer

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99.1 Shareholder dividend letter dated December 15, 2016