

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC

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) January 20, 2009

Bar Harbor Bankshares

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maine

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

841105-D

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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\_\_\_ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

Bar Harbor Bankshares issued a press release today announcing, that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 26.0 cents per share of common stock. The dividend will be payable to all shareholders of record as of the close of business February 17, 2009, and will be paid on March 13, 2009. A copy of the Company's press release is filed with this current report as an exhibit.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits No. Description

99.1 Copy of Company's press release dated January 20, 2009 filed herewith.

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: January 20, 2009

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

/s/Gerald Shencavitz

Gerald Shencavitz  
EVP and Chief Financial Officer