

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2010

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 15, 2010

**BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maine 001-13349 01-0393663

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)(Commission  
File Number)(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

P.O. Box 400, 82 Main Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0400

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(207) 288-3314**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of the Company's December 15, 2010 shareholder dividend letter for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Shareholder dividend letter from the Company's President and  
CEO dated December 15, 2010

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

SIGNATURES

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.

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

(Registrant)

/s/ Joseph M. Murphy

By:

Name: Joseph M. Murphy

Title: President and Chief Executive  
Officer

Date: December 15, 2010

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