

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2009

**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 10, 2009**

**BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maine**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13349**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**01-0393663**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 400, 82 Main Street, Bar Harbor, ME**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**04609-0400**  
(Zip code)

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

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 10, 2009, Bar Harbor Bankshares (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that the Company expects to offer and sell approximately \$20 million of its common stock in an underwritten public offering. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated December 10, 2009.

**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)

By: /s/ JOSEPH M. MURPHY  
Name: **Joseph M. Murphy**

Title: **President and Chief Executive Officer**

Date: December 10, 2009

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