

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES
Form 8-K
December 21, 2005

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 21, 2005**

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)

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):

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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

On December 21, 2005, Bar Harbor Bankshares (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing its Board of Directors has authorized the continuation of the Company's existing stock repurchase plan through December 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 21, 2005

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 21, 2005

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

/s/ Joseph M. Murphy

Joseph M. Murphy
President and Chief Executive Officer