

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2006

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) April 18, 2006

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):

- 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

Bar Harbor Bankshares issued a press release today announcing, that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of 22.5 cents per share of common stock for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. The quarterly dividend will be payable to all shareholders of record as of the close of business May 19, 2006, and will be paid on June 15, 2006. A copy of the Company's press release is filed with this current report as an exhibit.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicabl

(c) Exhibits No. Description

99.1 Copy of Company's press release dated April 18, 2006 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: April 18, 2006

BAR HARBOR BANKSHARES

/s/Joseph M. Murphy

Joseph M. Murphy  
President & Chief Executive Officer