

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 425

April 20, 2012

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 20, 2012

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	0-51584	04-3510455
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer
of Incorporation)		Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

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):

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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 April 20, 2012, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing the completion of its acquisition of The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company, and providing information about the exchange of outstanding The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company equity securities.

A copy of the press release announcing the closing is being filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated April 20, 2012
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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.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

DATE: April 20, 2012 By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley
Kevin P. Riley
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer