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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) October 4, 2006

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-51584 ----- (Commission File Number) | 04-3510455 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts ----- (Address of principal executive offices) | 01201 ----- (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601

Not Applicable

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02(B) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF

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DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On October 4, 2006, the Board of Directors of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), announced the appointment of David E. Phelps as a member of the Boards of Directors of both the Company and the Bank effective September 28, 2006. Mr. Phelps has been appointed to the Audit Committee of both the Company and Bank.

Also on October 4, 2006, the Company announced the retirement of Robert A. Wells and Ann H. Trabulsi from the Boards of Directors of the Company and the Bank, effective September 28, 2006.

A copy of the press release announcing the director appointment and retirements is included as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Shell Company Transactions: Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

| Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release Dated October 4, 2006 |

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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.

Dated: October 4, 2006

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude

Wayne F. Patenaude
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer