

January 10, 2008

Mail Stop 4561

Claire S. Bean  
Chief Financial Officer  
Benjamin Franklin Bancorp, Inc.  
58 Main Street  
Franklin, MA 02038

**Re: Benjamin Franklin Bancorp, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006**  
**Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2007**  
**File No. 0-51194**

Dear Ms. Bean:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Hugh West  
Accounting Branch Chief