## Section 1: SC 13G (PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC. SCHEDULE 13G DECEMBER 31, 2019)

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934** 

(Amendment No.)\*

Provident Bancorp, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

74383L 105 (CUSIP Number)

<u>December 31, 2019</u> (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

$\boxtimes$	Rule 13d-1(b)
	Rule 13d-1(c)
	Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	fames of Reporting Persons		
	The Provident Bank		
	Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust		
2	heck the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
	$ (a) \qquad \qquad \Box$		
2			
	EC Use Only		
4	litizenship or Place of Organization		
	Massachusetts		
	5 Sole Voting Power		
	1,256,610		
	er of 6 Shared Voting Power		
Bene	cially 261,494		
	Sole Dispositive Power		
Rep Perso	ting   With: 1,518,104		
	8 Shared Dispositive Power		
	0		
9	ggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		
	1,518,104		
10	Theck if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)		
11	ercent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9		
	7.8% of 19,473,818 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 31, 2019.		
12	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		
	EP		

### Item 1.

### (a) Name of Issuer

Provident Bancorp, Inc.

### (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

5 Market Street Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913

### Item 2.

### (a) Name of Person Filing

The Provident Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust Trustee: TI-Trust, Inc.

### (b) Address of Principal Business Office

c/o TI-Trust, Inc. 2900 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Quincy, Illinois 62305

### (c) Citizenship or Place of Organization

See Page 2, Item 4.

### (d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

### (e) CUSIP Number

See Page 1.

### Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b, or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(f) ⊠ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).

### Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: See Page 2, Item 9.
- (b) Percent of class: See Page 2, Item 11.
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See Page 2, Number 5.
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See Page 2, Number 6.
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Page 2, Number 7.
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Page 2, Number 8.

### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

### Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable

### Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not applicable

### Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The reporting person is an employee benefit plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

### Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

#### Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

### THE PROVIDENT EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST

By: TI-Trust, Inc., Trustee

/s/ Craig Baker Name: Craig Baker Title: Senior Trust Officer

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Date: February 12, 2020