WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

December 21, 2004

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HEALY WILLIAM**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP [WBS]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

WEBSTER PLAZA

12/17/2004

Executive Vice President - CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WATERBURY, CT 06702

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

\$0

Common Stock

12/17/2004

F 602 D

16,759

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secun (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.84					12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	19,100	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.6					12/16/2003	12/16/2012	Common Stock	19,259	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 45.55					12/15/2004	12/15/2013	Common Stock	11,619	
Stock Option	\$ 30.6					04/26/2001	04/26/2011	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Ketationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEALY WILLIAM WEBSTER PLAZA WATERBURY, CT 06702

Executive Vice President - CFO

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Atty. 12/21/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 4 yr. incremental vesting 25% vests each year for 4 years

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