#### WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH JAMES COPENHAVER			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP [WBS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last) WEBSTER PL	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/28/2005	_X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  Chairman & Chief Executive Off
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person
WATERBURY, CT 06702				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/28/2005		S	5,000	D	\$ 45.45	184,577	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2005		S	3,800	D	\$ 45.5	180,777	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2005		S	1,800	D	\$ 45.53	178,977	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2005		S	200	D	\$ 45.51	178,777	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2005		S	700	D	\$ 45.52	178,077	D	

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Common Stock	10/28/2005	S	100	D	\$ 45.55	177,977	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2005	S	400	D	\$ 45.46	177,577	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2005	S	3,000	D	\$ 45.35	174,577	D	
Common Stock						62,493	I	401(k) plan
Common Stock						21,449	I	ESOP
Common Stock						50,010	I	Directly by spouse
Common Stock						5,698	I	Directly by spouse - IRA
Common Stock						9,546	I	Custody for children
Common Stock						1,081	I	ESPP

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

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.81					10/23/2003	10/23/2010	Common Stock	247,925

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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24.625	12/07/2002	12/07/2009	Common Stock	44,700
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.84	12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	61,975
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.6	12/16/2003	12/16/2012	Common Stock	62,525
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 45.55	12/15/2004	12/15/2013	Common Stock	65,728
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 49.62	12/20/2005	12/20/2014	Common Stock	60,707
Stock Option	\$ 14	01/22/1999	01/22/2006	Common Stock	4,600
Stock Option	\$ 14.0625	12/19/1998	12/19/2005	Common Stock	31,200
Stock Option	\$ 19.0938	12/23/1998	12/23/2006	Common Stock	36,900
Stock Option	\$ 31.75	12/15/2000	12/15/2007	Common Stock	44,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.75	04/30/1998	04/30/2008	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.875	06/30/1998	06/30/2008	Common Stock	200,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH JAMES COPENHAVER WEBSTER PLAZA	X		Chairman & Chief Executive Off			
WATERBURY, CT 06702						

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## **Signatures**

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\*\*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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