

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CRAWFORD JOHN JOSEPH

(Last) (First) (Middle)

WEBSTER PLAZA

(Street)

WATERBURY, CT 06702

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP [WBS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/10/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
			Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	04/10/2006		M		1,334	\$ 13.75	19,672	D

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 13.75	04/10/2006		M	1,334	04/25/1996 04/25/2006	Common Stock	1,334
Stock Option	\$ 18.625					04/17/1997 04/17/2007	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.6					04/26/2001 04/26/2011	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.9375					04/22/1999 04/22/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.35					04/24/2004 04/24/2013	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 38.54					04/25/2002 04/25/2012	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 43.67					04/21/2006 04/21/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 44					04/22/2005 04/22/2014	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRAWFORD JOHN JOSEPH WEBSTER PLAZA WATERBURY, CT 06702	X			

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Atty. 04/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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