

NBT BANCORP INC  
Form 425  
June 11, 2012

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June  
11, 2012

NBT BANCORP INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE  | 0-14703                  | 16-126874                            |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission file number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET, NORWICH, NEW YORK 13815  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(607) 337-2265  
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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Item Other Events

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On June 11, 2012, NBT Bancorp Inc. (“NBTB”) issued a press release announcing the closing of the acquisition of Hampshire First Bank by its banking subsidiary, NBT Bank, NA (“NBT Bank”). A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

Press release announcing the completion of the merger, dated June 11, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NBT BANCORP INC.

June 11, 2012

By: /s/ Michael J. Chewens  
Michael J. Chewens  
Senior Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer