

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
WOLFE HARRIET MUNRETT

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
WEBSTER PLAZA
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President, Council

WATERBURY, CT 06702

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	12/17/2004		F	118	D	\$ 0 3,807	D	
Common Stock						686	I	ESOP
Common Stock						626	I	ESPP
Common Stock						964	I	401 (k) plan

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)

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. Price of Underlying Security (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	3,650
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24.625					12/07/2002	12/07/2009	Common Stock	1,300
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.5					12/17/2001	12/17/2008	Common Stock	2,550
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.84					12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	3,650
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.75					12/15/2000	12/15/2007	Common Stock	2,400
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.6					12/16/2003	12/16/2012	Common Stock	5,118
Stock	\$ 45.55					12/15/2004	12/15/2013	Common	5,135

