

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 *
 FINKENZELLER ROBERT A

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)
 04/21/2005

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

WATERBURY, CT 06702
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/21/2005 | | A | 519 | A \$ 0 | 10,329 | 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 Options (Right to buy) | \$ 21.875 | | | | | 04/27/2000 04/27/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| 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 | 2,000 |
| 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 | 04/21/2005 | | A | 4,000 | 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 |
| FINKENZELLER ROBERT A WEBSTER PLAZA WATERBURY, CT 06702 | X | | | |

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Atty. 04/25/2005

__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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