

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

December 22, 2004

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROWN JEFFREY N

(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)
12/20/2004

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)

Executive Vice President, Mktg

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		A		908	A \$ 0	7,353 D
Common Stock							1,290 I ESOP
Common Stock							1,062 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. L S (1
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 49.62	12/20/2004		A		6,749		Common Stock	6,749
Stock Option	\$ 14							Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.0938							Common Stock	5,600
Stock Option	\$ 22.81							Common Stock	5,825
Stock Option	\$ 24.625							Common Stock	3,900
Stock Option	\$ 26.5							Common Stock	6,450
Stock Option	\$ 29.84							Common Stock	5,825
Stock Option	\$ 31.75							Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 34.6							Common Stock	7,677
Stock Option	\$ 45.55							Common Stock	6,972

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director

10% Owner

Officer

Other

BROWN JEFFREY N
WEBSTER PLAZA
WATERBURY, CT 06702

Executive
Vice President,
Mktg

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried, by Power of
Atty.

12/22/2004

__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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