WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K April 14, 2006

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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): April 12, 2006 WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-31486 06-1187536

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

Webster Plaza, Waterbury, Connecticut 06702

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (203) 465-4364

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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On April 13, Webster Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing the election of Karen R. Osar to membership on Webster s board, effective April 12, 2006. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. <u>Description</u>

99.1 Press release dated April 13, 2006.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

/s/ Harriet Munrett Wolfe Harriet Munrett Wolfe Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: April 13, 2006

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