WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP

Form 5

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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) of (D) 4 and (A) or)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	154,895	D	Â	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	62,493 (1)	I	401(k) plan	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	21,449 (2)	I	ESOP	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	50,010	I	Directly by spouse	

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	5,698	I	Directly by spouse - IRA
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,546	I	Custody for children
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,081	I	ESPP

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)	Secu Acqu (A)	vative urities uired or oosed O) er. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.81	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/23/2003	10/23/2010	Common Stock	247,925
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24.625	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/07/2002	12/07/2009	Common Stock	44,700
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.84	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	61,975
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.6	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/16/2003	12/16/2012	Common Stock	62,525
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 45.55	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2004	12/15/2013	Common Stock	65,728

buy)										
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 49.62	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/20/2005	12/20/2014	Common Stock	60,707
Stock Option	\$ 9.9375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/23/1995	01/23/2005	Common Stock	68,800
Stock Option	\$ 14	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/22/1999	01/22/2006	Common Stock	4,600
Stock Option	\$ 14.0625	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/19/1998	12/19/2005	Common Stock	31,200
Stock Option	\$ 19.0938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/23/1998	12/23/2006	Common Stock	36,900
Stock Option	\$ 31.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2000	12/15/2007	Common Stock	44,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/30/1998	04/30/2008	Common Stock	200,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.875	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/1998	06/30/2008	Common Stock	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SMITH JAMES COPENHAVER WEBSTER PLAZA WATERBURY, CT 06702	ÂΧ	Â	Chairman & Chief Executive Off	Â				
Signatures								
Renee P. Seefried by Power of Atty.	02/11/2005							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004, the reporting person acquired 1,483 shares of Webster common stock under the Webster 401(k) plan.
- (2) Amount increased by actions of plan administrators.
- (3) 4 yr. incremental vesting 25% vests each year for 4 years

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