

NBT BANCORP INC
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MURPHY MICHAEL M
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

NORWICH, NY 13815
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Amount Price | | | |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | | J | 26.829 A | \$ 0 (1) 8,589 | 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)

| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.3408 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 08/08/2009 ⁽²⁾ 08/08/2017 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.7492 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 05/01/2006 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2015 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.74 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 05/01/2007 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2016 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.1542 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 02/02/2006 ⁽²⁾ 02/02/2014 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.4842 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 05/01/2008 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2017 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.5508 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 05/01/2009 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2018 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |
| | \$ 23.05 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 01/28/2007 ⁽²⁾ 01/28/2015 | |

Non-Qualified
Stock Option
(right to buy)

NBT
Bancorp
Inc.
Common
Stock

Non-Qualified
Stock Option
(right to buy)

\$ 23.1133

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01/26/2007⁽²⁾

01/26/2015

NBT
Bancorp
Inc.
Common
Stock

Non-Qualified
Stock Option
(right to buy)

\$ 23.2708

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01/20/2006⁽³⁾

01/20/2015

NBT
Bancorp
Inc.
Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MURPHY MICHAEL M 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815 | ^ X | ^ | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Michael M. Murphy

01/26/2009

__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) Shares acquired under NBT Bancorp Dividend Reinvestment Plan during period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 at prices ranging from \$21.1468 to \$26.8782 per share.
- (2) Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan reload grant vests 100% two years after date of its grant.
- (3) Pursuant to NBT Non-Employee Director, Divisional Director and Subsidiary Director Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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