

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP  
 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 \*  
 CRAWFORD JOHN JOSEPH

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/10/2006

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

WEBSTER PLAZA  
 (Street)

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

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

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/10/2006		M	1,334 A \$ 13.75	19,672	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 (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.	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option	\$ 13.75	04/10/2006		M	1,334	04/25/1996	04/25/2006	Common Stock	1,334
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	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.9375					04/22/1999	04/22/2009	Common Stock	4,000
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					04/21/2006	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
CRAWFORD JOHN JOSEPH WEBSTER PLAZA WATERBURY, CT 06702	X			

## Signatures

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Atty. 04/11/2006

\*\*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).

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