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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lampert Todd

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[BWFG]

(Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2017

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City)

| (City) | (State) | Table | e I - Non-D | Perivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed (| of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of | Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially Owned Following | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | (A) or Amount (D) Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (IIISU: +) | (IIIsti. +) |
| Commor Stock | 12/08/2017 | | M | Amount (D) Price \$ 5,327 A 20.7 | 32,354 | D (2) (1) | |
| Commor Stock | 1 | | | | 1,000 | D (3) | |
| Commor Stock | 1 | | | | 500 | D (4) | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D) | or cosed of r. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.7 | 12/08/2017 | | M | | 3,871 | 12/12/2007 | 12/12/2017 | Common Stock | 3,871 |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.7 | 12/08/2017 | | M | | 1,456 | 12/12/2007 | 12/12/2017 | Common Stock | 1,456 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| Lampert Todd C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840 | X | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Todd Lampert
by POA

**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).
- 1,400 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual(1) installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on November 5, 2014 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the grant date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, all Shares have vested.
- (2) 9,499 of Shares reported are owned jointly with Spouse.

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- 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted on January 10, 2017, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in two equal annual installments of 500 shares, with the first installment to vest on December 29, 2017 and the remaining 500 shares to vest on December 31, 2018.
- (4) 500 Shares of restricted stock granted on April 28, 2017, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan which will fully vest on April 28, 2018.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2007 Bank of New Canaan Stock Option Equity Award Plan, all of which are fully vested.

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