WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K January 15, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 15, 2010

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-31486 (Commission 06-1187536 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Webster Plaza, Waterbury, Connecticut 06702
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (203) 465-4364

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 15, 2010, Webster Financial Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Theresa M. Messina, age 48, as its principal accounting officer, effective January 15, 2010.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Messina and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Messina was selected to serve as the principal accounting officer of the Company. There are no family relationships between Ms. Messina and any director or executive officer of the Company. There has been no transaction nor are there any proposed transactions between the Company and Ms. Messina that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

A copy of the press release dated January 15, 2010 announcing the appointment of Ms. Messina is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 15, 2010

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

/s/ Jeffrey N. Brown

Name: **Jeffrey N. Brown**Title: **Executive Vice President and**

Chief Administrative Officer

Date: January 15, 2010

EXHIBIT INDEX

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