WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BROWN JEFFREY N** Issuer Symbol WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [WBS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) WEBSTER PLAZA 12/19/2006 Executive Vice President, Mktg (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WATERBURY, CT 06702 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secu | rities A | acquired, Dispose | ed of, or Benef | ficially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial (D) Ownership | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2006 | | A | 1,668 | A | \$0 | 20,213 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2006 | | A | 316 | A | \$0 | 20,529 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,685 | I | 401(k)/ESOP plan |

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 47.4 | | | | | 12/20/2006 | 12/20/2015 | Common Stock | 6,032 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 48.88 | 12/19/2006 | | A | 6,867 | 12/19/2007 | 12/19/2016 | Common Stock | 6,867 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 48.88 | 12/19/2006 | | A | 1,300 | 12/19/2007 | 12/19/2016 | Common Stock | 1,300 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 49.62 | | | | | 12/20/2005 | 12/20/2014 | Common Stock | 6,749 |
| Stock Option | \$ 22.81 | | | | | 10/23/2003 | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 5,825 |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.625 | | | | | 12/07/2002 | 12/17/2009 | Common Stock | 3,900 |
| Stock Option | \$ 26.5 | | | | | 12/17/2001 | 12/17/2008 | Common Stock | 6,450 |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.84 | | | | | 12/17/2004 | 12/17/2011 | Common Stock | 5,825 |
| Stock Option | \$ 34.6 | | | | | 12/16/2003 | 12/16/2012 | Common Stock | 7,677 |
| Stock Option | \$ 45.55 | | | | | 12/15/2004 | 12/15/2013 | Common Stock | 6,972 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWN JEFFREY N Executive WEBSTER PLAZA Vice President,

WATERBURY, CT 06702 Mktg

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried, by Power of Atty. 12/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) 4 yr. incremental vesting 25% vests each year for 4 years

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