WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WOLFE HARRIET MUNRETT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

WEBSTER PLAZA

(Street)

WATERBURY, CT 06702

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP [WBS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President,Counc

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2004		A		656	A	$ 0	4,463	D	
Common Stock								686	I	ESOP
Common Stock								626	I	ESPP
Common Stock								964	I	401 (k) plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 22.81							10/23/2003	10/23/2010	Common Stock	3,650	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 24.625							12/07/2002	12/07/2009	Common Stock	1,300	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 26.5							12/17/2001	12/17/2008	Common Stock	2,550	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 29.84							12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	3,650	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 31.75							12/15/2000	12/15/2007	Common Stock	2,400	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 34.6							12/16/2003	12/16/2012	Common Stock	5,118	
Stock Options (Right to	$ 45.55							12/15/2004	12/15/2013	Common Stock	5,135	

buy)										
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 49.62	12/20/2004		A	4,881	12/20/2005	12/20/2014	Common Stock	4,881	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WOLFE HARRIET MUNRETT WEBSTER PLAZA WATERBURY, CT 06702			Executive Vice President,Counc	

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Atty.	12/22/2004
**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) 4 yr. incremental vesting - 25% vests each year for 4 years

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