

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KEELER JO D**

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)  
**WEBSTER PLAZA**  
 (Street)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP Chief Credit Policy Office**

**WATERBURY, CT 06702**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount or Price |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2004                           |  | A                              | V   | 776             | A \$ 0 5,098  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |                 | 202   | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 34.6  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/16/2003 12/16/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 6,902                         |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 45.55   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2004 12/15/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 6,250                         |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 49.62   | 12/20/2004                           |  | A                              | 5,774   | 12/20/2005 12/20/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 5,774                         |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.84   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/17/2004 12/17/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 6,425                         |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 36.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/13/2004 08/13/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 7,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KEELER JO D  
WEBSTER PLAZA  
WATERBURY, CT 06702

EVP Chief Credit Policy Office

## 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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