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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr.EVP - Chief Financial Off

C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP, 145 BANK STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

WATERBURY, CT 06702

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	2,876	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	1,354 ⁽¹⁾	I	ESPP

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 47.81	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/05/2007 ⁽²⁾ 07/05/2016	Common Stock 10,612
Stock Option	\$ 48.88	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/19/2007 ⁽²⁾ 12/19/2016	Common Stock 17,340
Stock Option	\$ 32.03	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/18/2008 ⁽²⁾ 12/18/2017	Common Stock 28,970
Stock Option	\$ 12.85	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/16/2009 ⁽²⁾ 12/16/2018	Common Stock 69,391

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Plush Gerald P C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP 145 BANK STREET WATERBURY, CT 06702	Â	Â	Â Sr.EVP - Chief Financial Off	Â

Signatures

Renee P. Seefried by Power of Attorney 02/12/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, the reporting person acquired 869 shares of Webster Financial Corporation common stock under the Webster ESPP.

(2) 4 yr. incremental vesting - 25% vests each year for 4 years.

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