

NBT BANCORP INC  
 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 \*  
 Bentley Ronald M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

NORWICH, NY 13815

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/27/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President of Retail Banking

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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		
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	07/27/2006		M		1,960 A \$ 14.3492	2,510	D
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	07/27/2006		S		1,960 D \$ 22.79	550	D
NBT Bancorp	07/27/2006		M		4,980 A \$ 17.538	5,530	D

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Inc.  
Common  
Stock

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Stock

07/27/2006

S 4,980 D \$ 22.79 550 D

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

07/27/2006

M 3,335 A \$ 22.1715 3,885 D

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

07/27/2006

S 3,335 D \$ 23 550 D

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

1,102.575 I 401k

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

187.284 I NBT Bancorp ESOP

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am

Option Type	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Exercise Type	Number of Shares	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Company Name	Security Type
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492	07/27/2006		M	1,960	01/28/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.538	07/27/2006		M	4,980	01/01/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1715	07/27/2006		M	3,335	01/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.352					01/01/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708					01/20/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bentley Ronald M 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815			President of Retail Banking	

## Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Ronald M. Bentley

07/28/2006

\_\_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) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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