

CHEWENS MICHAEL J  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
CHEWENS MICHAEL J

(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)  
01/20/2006

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)

Senior EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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)
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/20/2006		A	3,675 A	\$ 0 (1) 7,915.773	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					9,430.597	I	401k
NBT Bancorp					2,490.757	I	NBT Bancorp

Inc.  
Common  
Stock

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.352	01/20/2006		A		22,000		01/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2016	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492							01/28/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.0625							01/22/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/22/2011	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.538							01/01/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.1632							01/27/1999 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/27/2008	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common

Non-Qualified Stock Option \$ 20.5952 (right to buy)	01/26/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/26/2009	Stock NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option \$ 22.1715 (right to buy)	01/01/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option \$ 23.2708 (right to buy)	01/20/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHEWENS MICHAEL J 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815			Senior EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

Michael J  
 Chewens 01/24/2006

\*\*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).  
 Acquired pursuant to the formula provisions of the NBT Bancorp Inc. Performance Share Plan pursuant to which each member of a select group of Management is entitled to receive an award based on Company performance goals in the form of restricted shares of the Company's common stock that vests three years following the end of a performance period.
- (1) group of Management is entitled to receive an award based on Company performance goals in the form of restricted shares of the Company's common stock that vests three years following the end of a performance period.
- (2) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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