NBT BANCORP INC

Form 4

January 26, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PRENTICE F SHELDON | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|----------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check air applicable) | | |
| 52 SOUTH BI | ROAD STR | EET | (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2017 | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP,General Counsel,Secretary | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | |
| NORWICH, NY 13815 | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

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|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------|--|--|---|
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | omr Dispos (Instr. 3, | ed of | | 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 | 01/25/2017 | | M | | A | \$ 24.47 | 34,023 | D | |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 01/25/2017 | | S | 7,650 | D | \$ 41.646 | 26,373 | D | |
| NBT Bancorp | | | | | | | 1,394.79 | I | 401k |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title I |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 24.47 | 01/25/2017 | | M | 10,000 | 05/01/2011(1) | 05/01/2020 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PRENTICE F SHELDON 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815

EVP, General Counsel, Secretary

Signatures

F. Sheldon

Prentice 01/26/2017

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- * 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. Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.