

PRENTICE F SHELDON

Form 4

January 21, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PRENTICE F SHELDON

(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)
01/19/20114. 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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Corp SVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/19/2011		A	1,375 (1)	A \$ 0 2,375	D	

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.47					05/01/2011 ⁽²⁾ 05/01/2020	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRENTICE F SHELDON 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815			Corp SVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec'y	

Signatures

F. Sheldon
Prentice
01/21/2011
 **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. Omnibus Restricted Stock Unit Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
- (2) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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