

FORSYTHE DARYL R  
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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 \*  
FORSYTHE DARYL R

(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  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	01/20/2006		A	5,250 A \$ 0 (1)	126,016.962	D	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock					13,735.744	I	401k
NBT Bancorp					2,924.431	I	NBT Bancorp

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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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.3492					01/28/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2012	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 10,400
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.538					01/01/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 14,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.1632					01/27/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/27/2008	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 0.9
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.7917					08/11/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 08/11/2013	NBT Bancorp 5,200

(right to buy)				Inc. Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.7925	08/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/14/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	6,05
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.8125	08/12/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/12/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	11,70
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.0558	08/05/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/05/2013	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	4,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.1715	01/01/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	18,20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.3517	09/01/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/01/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	9,70
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.4075	09/08/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/08/2014	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	15,30
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.2708	01/20/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/20/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	31,90
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.7553	07/01/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/01/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	12,80
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.8712	07/05/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/05/2015	NBT Bancorp Inc.	2,69

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORSYTHE DARYL R 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815		X		

## Signatures

By: Michael J. Chewens, Power of Attorney For: Daryl R.  
Forsythe

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
- (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.
  - (3) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan reload grant vests 100% two years after date of its grant.

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