

NBT BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**03/28/2016**

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)  
 EVP, General Counsel, Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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   | 03/28/2016                           |  | A                              | 3,066 (1)   | \$ 0 26,082   | D  |   |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock   |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,394.79  | I  | 401k  |
| NBT Bancorp                     |                                      |  |                                |   | 466.44  | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 24.47   |                                      |  | V                              | (A)   | 05/01/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/01/2020                     | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock<br>10,000                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| PRENTICE F SHELDON<br>52 SOUTH BROAD STREET<br>NORWICH, NY 13815 |               |           | EVP, General Counsel, Sec'y |       |

## Signatures

F. Sheldon  
Prentice 03/29/2016

\*\*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).

Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. Omnibus Performance Unit Agreement, each member of a select group of Management is entitled to

(1) receive an award based on Company performance goals in the form of restricted stock units that vest one year following the end of a performance period.

(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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