

CHEWENS MICHAEL J  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CHEWENS MICHAEL J**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

**52 SOUTH BROAD STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior EVP & CFO**

**NORWICH, NY 13815**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |  |  |   |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock   | 12/31/2005                           |  | J                              | 646.645 A   | \$ 0 (1) 9,430.597   | I  | 401k  |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock   | 12/31/2005                           |  | J                              | 165.508 A   | \$ 0 (2) 2,490.757   | I  | NBT Bancorp ESOP                                      |

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.     ^                     ^                     ^                     ^                     ^     4,240.773     D                     ^  
Common  
Stock

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable     Expiration Date                     | Title   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 14.3492   | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | 01/28/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/28/2012                     | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 16.0625   | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | 01/22/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/22/2011                     | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 17.538  | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | 01/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/01/2013                     | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 18.1632   | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | 01/27/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/27/2008                     | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 20.5952   | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | 01/26/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/26/2009                     | NBT Bancorp   |

(right to buy)

Inc.  
Common  
Stock

Non-Qualified  
Stock Option \$ 22.1715  
(right to buy)

01/01/2005<sup>(3)</sup> 01/01/2014

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

Non-Qualified  
Stock Option \$ 23.2708  
(right to buy)

01/20/2006<sup>(3)</sup> 01/20/2015

NBT  
Bancorp  
Inc.  
Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Michael J  
Chewens 02/10/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005 through NBT Bancorp Inc. 401k Plan.
- (2) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005 through NBT Bancorp Inc. ESOP Plan.
- (3) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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