

PRENTICE F SHELDON
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
PRENTICE F SHELDON

(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)

 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Corp SVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec'y

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NORWICH, NY 13815

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------|------------------|--|--|---|
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 12/31/2011 | | J | | 347.04 | A \$0 (1) | 573.057 | I | 401k |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 12/31/2011 | | J | | 187.901 | A \$0 (2) | 187.901 | I | NBT Bancorp ESOP |

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** 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 1/1/2011 through 12/31/2011 through NBT Bancorp Inc. 401k Plan.

(2) Shares were purchased from 1/1/2011 through 12/31/2011 through NBT Bancorp Inc. ESOP Plan.

(3) 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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