FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PRENTICE F SHELDON						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					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2017								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP,General Counsel,Secretary					
(Street) NORWICH NY 13815					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)													Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tal	ble I - No	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curi	ties Ac	quired,	Dis	posed of	f, or Bei	neficiall	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D						Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr.				Beneficia Owned F	s Ily ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	irect li direct E 4) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(1	Instr. 4)	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 01/2					5/201	/2017		М		10,000	A	\$24.4	34,023		D				
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 01/25/						2017			S		7,650	D	\$41.64	16 26,	5,373				
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock						$\neg$								1,39	94.79	I	4	101k	
NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock													466.44		I	E	NBT Bancorp ESOP		
			Table II -								osed of, convertib			Owned		,	,		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		•	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	Ov Fo Olly Or (I)	vnership orm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$24.47	01/25/2017			М			10,000	05/01/201	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/01/2020	NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock	10,000	\$41.646	0		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

 $1.\ Pursuant\ to\ NBT\ Bancorp\ Inc.\ Omnibus\ Stock\ Option\ Agreement\ the\ grant\ vests\ 40\%\ for\ first\ year,\ 20\%\ annually\ for\ following\ years.$ 

F. Sheldon Prentice

01/26/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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).

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