

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 15, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 15, 2010**

**WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-31486**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**06-1187536**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Webster Plaza, Waterbury, Connecticut**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**06702**  
(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 465-4364**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 15, 2010, Webster Financial Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Theresa M. Messina, age 48, as its principal accounting officer, effective January 15, 2010.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Messina and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Messina was selected to serve as the principal accounting officer of the Company. There are no family relationships between Ms. Messina and any director or executive officer of the Company. There has been no transaction nor are there any proposed transactions between the Company and Ms. Messina that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

A copy of the press release dated January 15, 2010 announcing the appointment of Ms. Messina is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit<br/>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1                   | Press Release dated January 15, 2010 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Name: /s/ JEFFREY N. BROWN  
**Jeffrey N. Brown**  
Title: **Executive Vice President and**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Date: January 15, 2010

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