

CORNERSTONE BANCORP INC
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**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 *
 READER PAUL H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CORNERSTONE BANCORP INC [CBN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 181 CARTER ST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/25/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/25/2005	04/25/2005	M	9,075 A \$ 8.678	17,765.74 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					1,210	I	Joint with wife
Common Stock					885.837 ⁽²⁾	I	Custodian for minor
Common Stock					10,398.83 ⁽³⁾	I	By trust for which he is trustee

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 (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)	
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - Right to buy	\$ 8.678	04/25/2005	04/25/2005	M		6,050		06/21/1995	06/21/2005	Common Stock	6,050
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 8.678	04/25/2005	04/25/2005	M		3,025		06/21/1995	06/21/2005	Common Stock	3,025
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 8.678							07/19/1995	07/19/2005	Common Stock	7,865
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 8.988							02/21/1996	02/21/2006	Common Stock	1,513
Employee Stock Option - right to buy	\$ 12.397							05/21/1997	05/21/2007	Common Stock	1,513
Employee Stock Option -	\$ 16.012							12/31/1997	12/31/2007	Common Stock	14,520

right to buy Employee Stock Option - \$ 8.678 right to buy	07/19/1995 07/19/2005	Common Stock	23,595
Employee Stock Option - \$ 14.545 right to buy	01/02/2002 01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,100
Employee Stock Option - \$ 20.3 right to buy	01/02/2004 01/02/2014	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
READER PAUL H 181 CARTER ST NEW CANAAN, CT 06840	X		Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Leigh A. Hardisty as power of attorney	04/27/2005
__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) The reporting person received 56.697 shares of Cornerstone Bancorp, Inc. common stock as a result of participation in the company's plan for the reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) The reporting person received 5.778 shares of Cornerstone Bancorp, Inc. common stock as a result of participation in the company's plan for the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) The reporting person received 67.841 shares of Cornerstone Bancorp, Inc. common stock as a result of participation in the company's plan for the reinvestment of dividends.

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