

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 30, 2007

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 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): 07/27/2007**

**Webster Financial Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 001-31486**

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

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

**Webster Plaza**  
Waterbury, Connecticut 06702  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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

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

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Information to be included in the report

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On July 27, 2007, James C. Smith, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Financial Corporation (the "Company") entered into a written stock sales plan (the "Plan") in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to which Mr. Smith will sell a portion of his current holdings in the Company. The Plan has been adopted as part of his individual long-term asset diversification, tax and financial planning.

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**Signature(s)**

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

Date: July 30, 2007

By: /s/ Harriet Munrett Wolfe

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Harriet Munrett Wolfe  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary