

SAPPERN DONALD
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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 *
 SAPPERN DONALD

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)
 16 WEDGEWOOD RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2005

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

WESTPORT, CT 06880
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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					319	I	By wife's IRA FBO herself
Common Stock					451	I	By Company
Common Stock					3,680	I	By IRA FBO himself
Common Stock					529 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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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 Acquired (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)	8. P. Der. Sec. (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.909	12/27/2005		D	<u>275</u> (2)	05/17/2000 05/17/2010	Common Stock	275	\$ 2
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.818	12/27/2005		D	<u>275</u> (2)	05/16/2001 05/16/2011	Common Stock	275	\$ 2
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.818	12/27/2005		D	<u>275</u> (2)	05/15/2002 05/15/2012	Common Stock	275	\$ 1
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18	12/27/2005		D	<u>250</u> (2)	05/21/2003 05/21/2013	Common Stock	250	\$
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.46	12/27/2005		D	<u>250</u> (2)	05/26/2004 05/26/2014	Common Stock	250	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAPPERN DONALD 16 WEDGEWOOD RD WESTPORT, CT 06880	X			

Signatures

Ernest J Verrico
Sr 12/29/2005

__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) In 2005, the reporting person received 1.647 shares of common stock as a result of participation in the Bancorp's plan for the reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) In accordance with the provisions of the Issuer's 1996 Stock Plan, in anticipation of the Issuer's merger with NewAlliance Bancshares, Inc. on January 2, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer on December 27, 2005 approved the purchase of all outstanding options by the Issuer at a price per share equal to the difference between the option exercise price and \$36.69, the price of the Issuer's common stock at the close of business on December 23, 2005, the prior business day.

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