#### SAPPERN DONALD

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

| SAPPERN DONALD                       |                                      |                     | Symbol CORNERSTONE BANCORP INC [CBN]                        |  |   |                                  | Issuer (Check all applicable)  |  |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) 16 WEDGE                      | (Last) (First) (Middle) WEDGEWOOD RD |                     | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/27/2005 |  |   |                                  | X Director<br>Officer (gi<br>below)  | Officer (give title Other (specify   |  |   |
| WESTPOR                              | (Street) Γ, CT 06880                 |                     | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)        |  |   |                                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |
| (City)                               | (State)                              | (Zip)               | Table   | e I - Non-D                            | erivative S   | Securiti                         | ies Ac   | equired, Disposed  | of, or Beneficia   | ally Owned  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction I<br>(Month/Day/Ye    | ear) Executi<br>any | emed<br>on Date, if<br>/Day/Year)                           | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securion<br>OnAcquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, | (A) or 1 (A) or 1 of (D) 4 and 5 |  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |                     |   |  |   |                                  |  | 319  | Ι  | By wife's IRA FBO herself   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |                     |   |  |   |                                  |  | 451  | I  | By<br>Company   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |                     |   |  |   |                                  |  | 3,680  | I  | By IRA<br>FBO<br>himself  |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |                     |   |  |   |                                  |  | 529 (1)  | D  |   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |            | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. P<br>Der<br>Seci<br>(Ins |
|---|---|---|---|--|------------|--|--------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                             |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 10.909   | 12/27/2005                              |   | D                                      | 275<br>(2) | 05/17/2000   | 05/17/2010         | Common<br>Stock   | 275                                    | \$ 2                        |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 12.818   | 12/27/2005                              |   | D                                      | 275<br>(2) | 05/16/2001   | 05/16/2011         | Common<br>Stock   | 275                                    | \$ 2                        |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 17.818   | 12/27/2005                              |   | D                                      | 275<br>(2) | 05/15/2002   | 05/15/2012         | Common<br>Stock   | 275                                    | \$ 1                        |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 18   | 12/27/2005                              |   | D                                      | 250<br>(2) | 05/21/2003   | 05/21/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 250                                    | \$                          |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 25.46  | 12/27/2005                              |   | D                                      | 250<br>(2) | 05/26/2004   | 05/26/2014         | Common<br>Stock   | 250                                    | \$                          |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Transfer and the same and the s | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| SAPPERN DONALD   |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| 16 WEDGEWOOD RD  | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| WESTPORT, CT 06880   |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |

## **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.
  - In accordance with the provisions of the Issuer's 1996 Stock Plan, in anticipation of the Issuer's merger with NewAlliance Bancshares,
- (2) 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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