

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)

April 28, 2009

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Rhode Island

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-32991

(Commission
File Number)

05-0404671

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b)

On April 28, 2009, Washington Trust Bancorp Inc. (the "Corporation") held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders during which director Larry J. Hirsch retired from the Corporation's Board of Directors.

Pursuant to the Corporation's by-laws, any director who reaches his or her 70th birthday agrees to resign from the Board of Directors as of the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders following such director's 70th birthday.

SIGNATURES

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

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

Date: April 28, 2009

By: /s/ David V. Devault
David V. Devault
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary