

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
September 20, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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): September 15, 2016**

**Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Rhode Island**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**23 Broad Street**

**001-32991**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**05-0404671**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**02891**

**Westerly, Rhode Island**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)** **(Zip Code)**  
**(401) 348-1200**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

N/A

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

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

*Appointment of Principal Accounting Officer*

On September 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the Corporation ) appointed Maria N. Janes as Principal Accounting Officer of the Corporation and Executive Vice President and Controller of the Corporation and The Washington Trust Company, of Westerly (the Bank ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation. Ms. Janes, 45, has served as Controller of the Bank since 1999 and was named Senior Vice President of the Bank in June 2010.

Ms. Janes is not a party to any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K and has no family relationships that are required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 401(d) of Regulation S-K.

David V. Devault, Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, will continue to serve as Principal Financial Officer of the Corporation.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: September 20, 2016

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