

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

The Boards of Directors of each of The Washington Trust Company, of Westerly (the “Bank”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the “Corporation”), and the Bank's wholly owned subsidiary, Halsey Associates, Inc. (“Halsey”), have approved the merger of Halsey into the Bank. The transaction, which is intended to streamline operations and create corporate efficiencies, is subject to regulatory approval, and expected to be completed in October 2019.

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.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ronald S. Ohsberg

Ronald S. Ohsberg

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: May 28, 2019

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