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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
  
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the  
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

O'Donovan, James J.

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(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

615 Merrick Avenue

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(Street)

Westbury, NY 11590

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol New York Community Bancorp, Inc.

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(NYB)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year January 21, 2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) -----

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director X Officer \_\_\_ 10% Owner X Other  
----- (give title below) ----- (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing  
(Check Applicable Line)

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TABLE I--NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFIC

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)

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)
				Code
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.54	01/21/2003		A

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(E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr.)
01/21/2004 (1)	01/21/2013 Common Stock	210,000	210,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Ilene A. Angarola  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
1/22/03  
Date

By: Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney  
For: James J. O'Donovan

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O'Donovan, James J.  
615 Merrick Avenue  
Westbury, New York 11590

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) Non-Qualified Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 21, 2004.

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