FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Print or Type Responses)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

| Zwerdling Jeffrey M. | | | | Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. [whir] | | | | | | | X | Director | (Chec | k all applica | able) 0% Owner | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--|--------|---|--------|---------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) RIVERSEDGE NORTH, 2529 VIRGINIA BEACH, BLVD., SUITE 200 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2017 | | | | | | | | | ve title below) | | Other (specify be | elow) | | | | |
| (Street) VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 | | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | |
| | BEACH, \ | (State) | | (Zin) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | f Co- (In: | (Instr. 8) | | (A) or 1 | (A) or | of (D) | (D) Benefic Reporte (Instr. 3 | | Amount of Securities neficially Owned Following ported Transaction(s) str. 3 and 4) | | | of I Ber Ow | Nature indirect neficial mership str. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | 02/2 | 28/2017 | | | | A(1) | | 14,700 | | \$ 1.70 | 290 | 290,491 | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,890 | | | I | pro sha pla | nring n | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,000 | | | | | I | by | ouse | | | | | | | | |
| Reminder: Re | nort on a sen | arate line for e | ach cl | ass of securitie | es her | neficially | owr | ned di | rectly | or indi | rectly | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Table II - l | Deriv | ative Se | curi | ties A | canir | ed Dis | nosed c | of or Rer | neficiall | v Ov | vned | | | | | |
| | 1 | ı | | (| | puts, cal | ls, w | arrai | nts, op | tions, | convert | ible secu | rities) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | Conversion Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Northead) Price of Derivative | | Execution Dat | | Code | tion | Deriv Secur Acqu (A) o | ivative (Mon urities juired or posed D) tr. 3, | | Am Ah/Day/Year) Am Und Sec | | Under! Securi | Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct (or Indir | of tive ty: (D) rect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exerci | sable D | xpiration ate | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 2.12 | | | | | | | | | C | 2) | (2) | Comr Stoo | non ck | 47,170 | | 4,000 | I | | Owned by spouse |
| Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 5 | | | | | | | | | C | 3) | (3) | Comr | | 50,000 | | 10,000 | D | | |
| Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 5 | | | | | | | | | C | 3) | (3) | Comr | non ck | 20,000 | | 4,000 | I | | Held in profit sharing plan |
| Common Stock Warrants | \$ 5.50 | | | | | | | | | <u>(</u> 4 | <u>4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Comr | | 12,000 | | 12,000 | D | | |
| Common Stock Warrants | \$ 5.50 | | | | | | | | | <u>(</u> | 4) | <u>(4)</u> | Comr | | 4,800 | | 4,800 | I | | Held in profit sharing |

Reporting Owners

| D C O N (All | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Zwerdling Jeffrey M. RIVERSEDGE NORTH, 2529 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD., SUITE 200 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Jeffrey M. Zwerling | 03/01/2017 |
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| **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) Granted for 2016 discretionary bonus based upon the closing price of the company's common stock on December 30, 2016.
- (2) Each share of Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series D Stock") became convertible into shares of the company's common stock at \$2.12 per share upon completion of the company's September 2016 and December 2016 public offerings of Series D Stock. The Series D Stock has no expiration date.
- (3) Each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Stock") became convertible into shares of the company's common stock at \$5.00 per share upon completion of the company's April 2014 and September 2014 public offerings of Series B Stock and common stock warrants. The Series B Stock has no expiration date.
- (4) Each common stock warrant became exercisable upon completion of the company's April 2014 and September 2014 public offerings of Series B Stock and common stock warrants. The common stock warrants expire on April 29, 2019.

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