## **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): December 31, 2006

# BARNES GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-04801 (Commission File Number) 06-0247840 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

123 Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut (Address of principal executive offices)

06011-0489 (Zip Code)

(860) 583-7070

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

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

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- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

#### b. Director Retires.

In accordance with his previously announced retirement, on December 31, 2006, Mr. Edmund M. Carpenter retired from his position as a Director of the Company.

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#### **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.

Dated: January 3, 2007

#### BARNES GROUP INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Signe S. Gates Signe S. Gates

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary