

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of  
The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

**DATE OF REPORT:**  
December 11, 2003  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9047  
(Commission File Number)

04-2870273  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.**  
**288 UNION ST., ROCKLAND, MA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02370**  
(Zip Code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**781-878-6100**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.** Attached as exhibit 99.1 hereto is a copy of a press release regarding dividends declared by Independent Bank Corp. which is incorporated herein by reference.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned and hereunto duly authorized.

**INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.**

**DATE: December 11, 2003**

**BY: /s/ Denis K. Sheahan**  
DENIS K. SHEAHAN  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND  
TREASURER

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