

DONOVAN ALFRED L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DONOVAN ALFRED L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
 [INDB]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 288 UNION STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/20/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

ROCKLAND, MA 02370  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	01/20/2006		X	(1) 5,000 A \$ 8	36,862	D	
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M	(2) 1,000 A \$ 10.25	37,862 (3)	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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8	01/20/2006		X	5,000	10/17/1996 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/16/2006	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.25	01/20/2006		M	1,000	10/14/1997 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/15/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.5					10/18/2000 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/18/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.375					10/13/1999 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/13/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.1					10/17/2001 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/17/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.25					10/14/1998 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/14/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.325					10/15/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/15/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.105					10/16/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/16/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.16					10/26/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/25/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.685					10/27/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/27/2014	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DONOVAN ALFRED L 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370	X			

## Signatures

By: Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney For: Alfred L.  
Donovan

01/23/2006

\_\_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) Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of options acquired on 4/16/96.
- (2) Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of options acquired on 4/15/97.
- (3) Direct holdings include 2,674 shares held in broker name f/b/o Ellien L. Donovan Trust on which Filer has a beneficial interest.
- (4) Non-Employee Director Derivative Securities, Non-Qualified Common Stock Options expire 10 years from the grant date unless earlier terminated by reason of cessation as non-employee director.

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