INDEPENDENT BANK CORP

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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:

April 3, 2017

(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

MASSACHUSETTS

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-9047 04-2870273

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

Office Address: 2036 Washington Street, Hanover, Massachusetts 02339 Mailing Address: 288 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

781-878-6100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Appointment of Director

On April 3, 2017, Michael P. Hogan was appointed to the Board of Directors of Independent Bank Corp. (the "Company"). Rockland Trust Company also appointed Mr. Hogan to its Board of Directors. Mr. Hogan has been appointed as a rotating member of the Executive Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, as is the case for all other directors who are not permanent members of the Executive Committee. As a non-employee director of the Company, Mr. Hogan will participate in equity awards pursuant to the Company's 2010 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan, and receive cash compensation in the form of an annual retainer and meeting fees, on the same terms and conditions as other non-employee directors. As a newly appointed non-employee director, Mr. Hogan shall also be granted a non-statutory option to purchase 5,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the first anniversary of his appointment to the Board pursuant to the Company's 2010 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan.

A copy of the news release announcing Mr. Hogan's appointment as a director is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated April 3, 2017 regarding appointment of Michael P. Hogan as a director.

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: April 3, 2017 BY:/s/Edward H. Seksay

Edward H. Seksay General Counsel

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