

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

The Governance Principles of Independent Bank Corp. (the “Company”) provide that Directors will be ineligible to serve on the Board once they attain the age of 72 and that Directors who reach that age during their elected term shall retire from the Board upon reaching the age of 72.

Effective as of December 25, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company and Rockland Trust Company, the Company’s wholly-owned commercial bank subsidiary (“Rockland Trust”), accepted the retirement of William P. Bissonnette from the Board of Directors of both the Company and Rockland Trust in accordance with the Company’s Governance Principles because he had reached the age of 72.

In connection with Mr. Bissonnette’s retirement, the size of the Board of Directors of both the Company and of Rockland Trust will decrease from fifteen to fourteen and the number of Class III Directors on the Company’s Board of Directors will decrease from four to three.

The Company previously disclosed that Mr. Bissonnette would be retiring in 2017 in its Annual Meeting Notice and Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 30, 2017.

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: January 5, 2018 BY: /s/Edward H. Seksay
Edward H. Seksay
General Counsel