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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 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

October 9, 2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

| (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Massachusetts | 1-9047 | 04-2870273 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 288 Union St. Rockland, Massachusetts | | 02370 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | (Zip Code) |
| | (781) 878-6100 | |
| | (Registrant s telephone number, including area code) | |
| | Not Applicable | |
| (Former name, | former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last repo | ort) |

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The following exhibits are included with this Report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated October 9, 2003.

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 9, 2003, Independent Bank Corp. announced by press release its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 9, 2003 Independent Bank Corp. announced by press release its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

By: /s/ Denis K. Sheahan

Denis K. Sheahan Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: October 9, 2003.