

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

March 16, 2006

**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)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

288 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts

02370

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

781-878-6100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 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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**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Independent Bank Corp.

*March 16, 2006*

*By: Denis K. Sheahan*

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*Name: Denis K. Sheahan*

*Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	1st Quarter 2006 Common Dividend