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INDEPENDENT BANK CORP Form 8-K January 13, 2005

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:

January 13, 2005 (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

MASSACHUSETTS

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9047 (Commission File Number) 04-2870273 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP. 288 UNION ST., ROCKLAND, MA

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02370

(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):

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- " 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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On January 13, 2005 Independent Bank Corp. announced by press release its earnings for the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated January 13, 2005.

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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 13, 2005 BY:/s/ Denis K. Sheahan

DENIS K. SHEAHAN CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TREASURER