

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2002

## 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:**

**December 12, 2002**

(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.)

**288 UNION ST., ROCKLAND, MA**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02370**

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(Zip Code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**

(Former Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**781-878-6100**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

Attached as an exhibit hereto is a copy of a press release today by Independent Bank Corp. which is incorporated herein by reference.

**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: December 12, 2002**

**BY: /S/ DENIS K. SHEAHAN**  
DENIS K. SHEAHAN  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND  
TREASURER

## **INDEPENDENT**

### ***BANK CORP.***

Parent of Rockland Trust Company

### **Shareholder Relations**

288 Union Street, Rockland, MA 02370

### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP. ANNOUNCES

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

Rockland, MA (December 12, 2002) - The Board of Directors of Independent Bank Corp. (NASDAQ: INDB), parent of Rockland Trust Company, today announced a \$0.12 per share dividend which will be payable on January 10, 2003, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 27, 2002.

Independent Bank Corp.'s sole bank subsidiary, Rockland Trust Company, currently has \$2.2 billion in assets, 52 retail branches, eight commercial lending centers and three Investment Management Offices located in Plymouth, Barnstable, Norfolk and Bristol counties of southeastern Massachusetts. For more information, visit [www.rocklandtrust.com](http://www.rocklandtrust.com).

