

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 01, 2003

**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:**

July 1, 2003  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**MASSACHUSETTS**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9047 04-2870273  
(Commission File Number) (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)

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.** Attached as exhibit 99.1 hereto is a copy of a press release regarding benefits awarded to the retiring Chairman of the Board which is incorporated herein by reference. Also, attached herein is the Consulting Agreement with Douglas H. Philipsen, retiring Chairman of the Board.

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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: July 1, 2003**

**BY:/s/ Denis K. Sheahan**  
DENIS K. SHEAHAN  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND  
TREASURER

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