INDEPENDENT BANK CORP Form 8-K December 14, 2017

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 14, 2017 (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

MASSACHUSETTS(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)1-904704-2870273(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

Office Address: 2036 Washington Street, Hanover, Massachusetts 02339 Mailing Address: 288 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (17CFR 230.405)) or Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange

Act. o

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Item 8.01 Other Events

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto is a copy of a press release dated December 14, 2017 regarding the declaration of the quarterly common stock dividend which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits (d) Exhibits Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 14, 2017 issued by Independent Bank Corp. announcing quarterly common stock dividend.

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 14, 2017 BY:/s/Robert D. Cozzone Robert D. Cozzone Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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