SHEAHAN DENIS K

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHEAHAN DENIS K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP

[INDB]

(Check all applicable)

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

12/15/2005

(Middle)

Chief Financial Officer

CORP, 288 UNION STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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ROCKLAND, MA 02370

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price Common

 $D^{(1)}$ 5,612.509

Common Stock

Stock

401(k) 5,588.4082 I Plan (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.895	12/15/2005		A	18,000	12/15/2005(3)	12/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 34.18					12/15/2005	12/09/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHEAHAN DENIS K C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney for Denis K. Sheahan

12/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares held i/n/o Broker f/b/o Filer
- (2) Shares held in 401(k) account. Such transactions are exempt from the reporting requirements of Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Non-Qualified Stock Options granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Plan. The Options granted on 12/15/05 vest immediately and will expire on December 14, 2012, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Stock Option Agreement.
- (4) 12,000 Options formerly reported as ISO's under the 12/9/04 grant have converted to NQO's due to an acceleration of vesting for all options granted that date. All options granted on 12/9/04 have now immediately fully vested as of 12/15/05.

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