

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Appointment of Director

On April 3, 2017, Michael P. Hogan was appointed to the Board of Directors of Independent Bank Corp. (the "Company"). Rockland Trust Company also appointed Mr. Hogan to its Board of Directors. Mr. Hogan has been appointed as a rotating member of the Executive Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, as is the case for all other directors who are not permanent members of the Executive Committee. As a non-employee director of the Company, Mr. Hogan will participate in equity awards pursuant to the Company's 2010 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan, and receive cash compensation in the form of an annual retainer and meeting fees, on the same terms and conditions as other non-employee directors. As a newly appointed non-employee director, Mr. Hogan shall also be granted a non-statutory option to purchase 5,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the first anniversary of his appointment to the Board pursuant to the Company's 2010 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan.

A copy of the news release announcing Mr. Hogan's appointment as a director is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release dated April 3, 2017 regarding appointment of Michael P. Hogan as a director. |
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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: April 3, 2017 BY: /s/Edward H. Seksay
Edward H. Seksay
General Counsel

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