

SHEAHAN DENIS K  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
[INDB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)      \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

(Last)      (First)      (Middle)

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK  
CORP, 288 UNION STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2005

(Street)  
  
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)      (State)      (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	5,612.509	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	5,588.4082	I	401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>

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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.895	12/15/2005		A	18,000	12/15/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 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  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 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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