

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 November 7, 2016, the Board of Directors of Independent Bank Corp. (the “Company”), the parent of Rockland Trust Company (“Rockland Trust”), appointed Mary L. Lentz to the Board of Directors of Independent. Rockland Trust has also appointed Ms. Lentz to its Board of Directors.

Ms. Lentz has been appointed as a rotating member of the Executive Committee of the 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, Ms. Lentz will participate in equity awards pursuant to the Company’s 2010 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan on the same terms and conditions as other non-employee directors. As a newly appointed non-employee director, Ms. Lentz shall also be granted: as is the case for all other non-employee directors who serve on the Board during this calendar year, an immediate restricted stock award of 725 shares of the Company’s common stock which cliff vests on May 24, 2021, the fifth anniversary of the date of 2016 restricted stock awards to Directors; and, a Non-Statutory Option to purchase 5,000 shares of the Company’s common stock on the first anniversary of her appointment to the Board pursuant to the Company’s 2010 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan. Ms. Lentz has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

A copy of the news release announcing Ms. Lentz'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 # Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 7, 2016 by Independent Bank Corp.

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.

Date: November 7, 2016 INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.
BY: /s/ Edward H. Seksay
Edward H. Seksay
General Counsel

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