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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Independent Bank Corp.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

453836108

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☒ Rule 13d-1(b)

☐ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only).

Manulife Financial Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☐
(b) ☐
N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Canada

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person
With

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

-0-

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None, except through its indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited, John Hancock Advisers, LLC and MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

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See line 9 above.

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC

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MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☐

(b) ☐

N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Canada

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

6,037

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person
With

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

-0-

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,037

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,037

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

N/A

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.04%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IA

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John Hancock Advisers, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ☐
(b) ☐

N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person
With

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

735,000

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

735,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

735,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC

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(b) ☐

N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person
With

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

735,000

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

735,000

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735,000

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N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
Independent Bank Corp.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
288 Union Street
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:
This filing is made on behalf of Manulife Financial Corporation ("MFC"), and MFC's indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited ("MFC Global"), John Hancock Advisers, LLC ("JHA") and MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC ("MFC Global (U.S.)").

Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Offices:
The principal business offices of MFC and MFC Global are located at 200 Bloor Street, East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4W 1E5; JHA is located at 601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210; and MFC Global (U.S.) is located at 101 Huntington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199.

Item 2(c) Citizenship:
MFC and MFC Global are organized and exist under the laws of Canada.
JHA and MFC Global (U.S.) are organized and exist under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
453836108

Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

MFC: (g) (X) Parent Holding Company, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b) (ii) (G).

MFC

Global: (e) (X) Investment Adviser registered under ss.203 of

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the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

JHA: (e) (X) Investment Adviser registered under ss.203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

MFC Global

(U.S.): (e) (X) Investment Adviser registered under ss.203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 4

Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: MFC Global has beneficial ownership of 6,037 shares of Common Stock and JHA and MFC Global (U.S.) each have beneficial ownership of the same 735,000 shares of Common Stock. Through its parent-subsidiary relationship to MFC Global, JHA and MFC Global (U.S.), MFC may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of these same shares.

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(b) Percent of Class: Of the 14,682,918 shares outstanding as of November 1, 2006, according to the issuer's quarterly report on form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006, MFC Global held .04% and JHA and MFC Global (U.S.) each held 5.0%. The aggregate percentage held as of December 31, 2006 (after eliminating double counting as a result of shared investment or voting discretion) by all reporting persons was 5.0%.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
MFC Global has sole power to vote or to direct the voting of the shares of Common Stock it beneficially owns.
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
JHA and MFC Global (U.S.) each has shared power to vote or to direct the voting of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each of them.
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
MFC Global has sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Common Stock it beneficially owns.
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
JHA and MFC Global (U.S.) each has shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each of them.

Item 5

Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
Not applicable.

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Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:
Not applicable.

Item 7

Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which
Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding

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Company:

See Items 3 and 4 above.

- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:
Not applicable.
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group:
Not applicable.
- Item 10 Certification:
By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Manulife Financial Corporation

Dated: February 7, 2007

By: /s/ Scott A. Lively
Name: Scott A. Lively
Title: Attorney in Fact*

MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A) Limited

Dated: February 7, 2007

By: /s/ Gordon Pansegrau
Name: Gordon Pansegrau
Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Secretary

John Hancock Advisers, LLC

Dated: February 7, 2007

By: /s/ Francis V. Knox Jr.
Name: Francis V. Knox Jr.
Title: Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

MFC Global Investment Management (U.S), LLC

Dated: February 7, 2007

By: /s/ Francis V. Knox Jr.
Name: Francis V. Knox Jr.
Title: Vice President and Chief Compliance

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Officer

* Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated January 31, 2007 included as an Exhibit to Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Manulife Financial Corporation on February 1, 2007.

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Manulife Financial Corporation, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited, John Hancock Advisers, LLC and MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC agree that the Initial Schedule 13G to which this Agreement is attached, relating to the Common Stock of Independent Bank Corp., is filed on behalf of each of them.

Manulife Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Scott A. Lively
Name: Scott A. Lively
Dated: February 7, 2007 Title: Attorney in Fact*

MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A) Limited

By: /s/ Gordon Pansegrau
Name: Gordon Pansegrau
Dated: February 7, 2007 Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Secretary

John Hancock Advisers, LLC

By: /s/ Francis V. Knox Jr.
Name: Francis V. Knox Jr.
Dated: February 7, 2007 Title: Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

MFC Global Investment Management (U.S), LLC

By: /s/ Francis V. Knox Jr.
Name: Francis V. Knox Jr.
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