



After much ado about weight limits on a Route 11 bridge, a crane finally arrived to lift Don Varnum's daughter's house into place. Photo: Don Varnum

Crane Gets Permit, Sets House In Place

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There's a happy ending to the story in last month's *Beacon* about the house that couldn't be set on its foundation for want of a crane.

Don Varnum pulled out all the stops in trying to get permission for a crane to cross a bridge on Route 11. Finally, on August 20 he got good news from Mark Richardson at New Hampshire Department of Transportation:

"I am pleased to inform you that the above referenced bridge has been re-evaluated and, as I will explain below, has been determined to be capable of carrying the proposed crane that needs to travel to your daughter's property...."

"[M]y records indicated that [the bridge] had been constructed in 1934.... Upon further investigation..., it was confirmed that our Bridge Maintenance Bureau had replaced the deck on this bridge a couple of years ago. Even though our inspection reports indicated an improved Federal Sufficiency Rating, an updated Bridge Rating Form was not prepared and thus, the bridge was still incorrectly listed as an E2 posting.

"Once this fact was determined, Dave Powelson (Bridge Design) obtained plans of the work from Bridge

Maintenance and completed a new Rating, which confirms that this bridge is OK for all legal loads and is OK for this requested overload....

"Obviously, this is good news for being able to transport the crane to your daughter's property and complete the assembly of her family's modular home, and I am truly pleased that that is the result. I am also very embarrassed at the error in our records that caused this situation to arise. I know it has caused your family considerable frustration and anxiety that, as it now appears, should have been avoided. For this I truly apologize and ask for your understanding with this occurrence. I do not offer this as an excuse since we strive to maintain complete and accurate records for just this reason. I only ask for your consideration and acceptance of this apology."

Don e-mailed the above to me then followed up to report the happy ending:

"The crane arrived Monday, August 27. We had a long day moving the two pieces out to the road then back, one by one. The crane left the premises at about 3 PM.

"Special thanks to John Champagne for all his help moving the pieces of the home back and forth that morning."

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• Raggamuffins mid-mountain restaurant for soup, chili, and chowder
Crews are working hard to get all these projects done by November.

President Bob Fries

In June, Ragged Mountain Resort's new owners named Bob Fries (pronounced "Freeze") as the new resort president.

Bob's ski resort experience extends over the past 35 years, including the last five years as the owner and president of Bolton Valley Resort in Vermont. He has also served as president of Stratton Resort in Vermont, as president of the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, New York, and as general manager of Breckenridge Resort in Colorado.

Bob's ski industry career began in New Hampshire in 1973 as the controller at Waterville Valley Resort. By 1980, he had been promoted to general manager of Waterville, and he spent the next 12 years guiding the year-round operations and real estate projects there. During that time he also served as the president of the New Hampshire Ski Areas Association.

"We are incredibly fortunate that Bob Fries just completed the sale of his ownership in Bolton Valley and was available," noted Douglas Anderson, one of the new owners of the resort. "Bob has some of the best experience in the ski business, and I think the Lifetime Achievement Award he received

last spring from the Vermont Ski Areas Association speaks volumes."

Gerald Jackson, another partner, explained, "We recognize that Ragged Mountain is not up to the standards we would like to see. Bob understands the quality product we would like, and we couldn't be more pleased about having him."

Bob inherits a resort that has had sparse investment over the past several years. "While we will make more significant changes over the next few years, my primary focus right now is to provide a much-improved experience for our guests this winter," Bob said.

"We are very excited about the future of this resort. We believe this will become one of the most attractive four-season resorts in New England."



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