



Lee Murray (second from right) and his New Boston crew in July, 2000 on the wooden bridge that is being dedicated in Lee's honor.

Photos: Brandy Mitroff

Timber Bridge in New Boston to be Dedicated to Lee Murray

Saturday, June 29 at 11 AM in New Boston

As reported in last month's Beacon, New Boston is planning to dedicate a timber bridge to Lee Murray, who was New Boston's road agent for 16 years before he retired and moved to Andover. Lee moved to South Carolina in 2011 and died in September 2012.

The bridge dedication is planned for Saturday, June 29 at 11 AM in New Boston.



The soon-to-be-dedicated Lee Murray Bridge on Lyndeborough Road in New Boston. Lee, the New Boston road agent at the time, convinced the New Boston selectmen to let his crew erect the wooden bridge. The July 2000 project was a great success and was completed a month early.

According to Lee's wife, Dianne, "The timber bridge on Lyndeborough Road in New Boston was particularly significant to Lee because he was able to convince the New Boston Selectmen to let his crew (which included the only woman ever on the highway crew!) erect the wooden bridge, completed in July of 2000. It was a tremendous success!"

At the time of construction, Brandy Mitroff of the New Boston Bulletin wrote:

"Road Agent Lee Murray and the New Boston Highway Crew did an exemplary job in putting together the striking wooden bridge on Lyndeborough Road.

"The bridge arrived from the builder with each piece marked – making it sort of like putting together an erector set project, but this superstructure spans 60 feet across the Piscataquog River.

"In a phone call with Frank Tremblay, owner of the bridge builder Laminated Concepts in Big Flats, New York, he shared high praise for the work done by the town crew. 'For a small town, with a small crew, to take on a project of that size was incredible,' said Mr. Tremblay, who was personally on-site for the actual construction. He noted that in his 23 years in business throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, this was the largest of the company's bridges that a local crew had installed.

"Lee's crew saved the town a lot of money,' Mr. Tremblay stated. He went on to explain that the work went very smoothly, and he was particularly impressed that the crew really understood the project, something that he often doesn't find with general contracting crews.

"Lee could run a construction crew, he's very efficient,' he continued, particularly noting the 'very clever' scaffolding rigging that Mr. Murray had designed as well as his talent in operating the Gradall, a machine that was integral to the construction.

"Mr. Tremblay also remarked on the enthusiasm and hard work that each member of Lee's five-person crew put into the project, accomplishing the work in a very short amount of time. He noted that there would usually be a crew of eight to ten on a job of this size.

"When Road Agent Lee Murray met with the Selectmen on July 10, 2000, he noted that the Lyndeborough Road Bridge was nearly complete. As of July 28, repaving of the bridge had been completed. The bridge was completed more than a month ahead of schedule."

smiles, more giggles, and more silliness, just for now, just for this month, I'm going to hold on for that familiar giggle, that memorable smile, that great morning hug. I'm going to relish these past few weeks when the children were excited to be just turning five and still a Preschool Panda.

As we welcome this amazing thing called summer, I must take a moment to say thank you – to our friends at Lake Sunapee Bank who are always ready for our impromptu visits with a smile



Rosa Nanasi Haas, a senior at Proctor Academy, volunteered at the Beacon throughout May as her Senior Project. She worked extensively on the Beacon's new Web site, wrote an article (see page 6) and helped prepare many articles and photos for print. Photo: Charlie Darling

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and a sticker; to Pricilla, Gail, Michelle, and our many story-telling friends at the local library; to our friends here on the Proctor campus and to the great maintenance crew who always greet our excited little ones; to our friends at Jake's and the ladies at Town Hall; to our truly fantastic families, and to Karyn, Stacy, Beverly, Becky, Tim, and Jessica. I've said this before, but it's always worth repeating. Take the time to live in the moment, smile, giggle every day, be grateful for every moment, and know that each and every day you have made a difference. Thank you for all you do!

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