

Two Grove TMS900E 90-Ton Truck Cranes Place 114' Pedestrian Bridge In Island Pond, Vermont

After more than 20 years of diligent work with the state and federal government, the town of Island Pond, Vermont, received a grant to construct a pedestrian bridge to replace the one built in 1904 and torn down in 1974.

The bridge will span over railroad tracks to connect upper and lower Island Pond, otherwise only accessible by a long walk around town.

Construction began in the fall of 2002 with the footings and abutments being put into place.

In 2003, as construction of the wood stairs was taking shape, the contractors began wondering, with all the train traffic, what would be the best way to construct the bridge.



It was at that time that Robert Desrochers of Desrochers Crane Service of Derby Vermont was contacted. Because of construction site congestion, it was decided that the 114' structure would be built perpendicular to the abutments.

The 97,000 lb bridge was then lifted several times by 2 new TMS900E Grove cranes. One was supplied by Desrochers and one by Gould Crane Service of Hooksett, NH.

After placing the bridge parallel to the abutments and across the railroad tracks, the two cranes were moved to get ready for the final lift. The cheers of over 200 spectators and blast-

ing of horns communicated to workers a job well done.



Robert Desrochers would like to thank Brandon Gould of Gould Crane Service, Grove and Shawmut Equipment. And special thanks to Real Desrochers. Without all of you, this would not have been possible.

