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Illumination Committee Updates Memorial Bridge Lighting Progress

Portsmouth, NH--As traffic moves across the new Memorial Bridge, many are wondering when the lights will go on. After successfully raising the funds and local support to light the new bridge, the Illumination Committee recently updated donors at a reception at the Discover Portsmouth Center, located in downtown Portsmouth, on the progress of the lighting project.

The energy efficient, color changing LED light fixtures have been received from Lumenpulse, the manufacturer of the lighting fixtures. Once access to the bridge towers was possible, the designer determined that maximum effect required specially designed brackets to hold the fixtures away from the bridge structure. The design of these brackets is underway at HNTB, the bridge designers. Once completed and certified, the brackets will be fabricated.

"Currently, we are estimating the installation to be completed by late October with a shakeout period. The bridge lighting will be launched with 12 different lighting programs designed by our lighting designer John Powell and the Illumination Committee," said Jon Di Gesu, committee spokesperson. "LED lighting and Lumenpulse fixtures allow for a vast number of lighting color combinations. We are looking forward to seeing 'lights on' beginning sometime in early November with a lighting event for the public scheduled for later in the Fall," he says.

Tax-deductible donations should be made out to the "Portsmouth Historical Society" / Comment Bridge and sent to Rose Eppard, 129 Daniel Street, Portsmouth NH 03801. You can contact Rose at eppard@usa.net. For more information please visit www.PorstmouthBridges.com and www.MemorialBridgeProject.com. Or, contact Jon DiGesu at 603-770-5731.