

THE RIVER SINGS ITS SONG: Concert program notes to be read by students

[Hadley]: IN 2007, THE GREAT WORKS RIVER BRIDGE IN SOUTH BERWICK, MAINE WAS CLOSED BY THE STATE DUE TO DETERIORATION. IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE TO REPLACE. ONCE A SCENIC DRIVE ON VINE STREET, IT NOW COULD NOT BE TRAVELLED BY CAR, BICYCLE, OR FOOT. WHEN OUR CHORUS TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO EXPLORE, WRITE, AND DISCOVER THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA, MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAD NEVER BEEN HERE. 10 YEARS OF OVERGROWTH NOW COVERS THE ROAD AND SURROUNDING AREA THAT HAS BEEN DORMANT.

[Eva]: IN 2018 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL REMOVE THE EXISTING BRIDGE. CITIZENS FORMED A BRIDGE BRIGADE TO HELP CONNECT THE COMMUNITY AND KEEP A PATH BETWEEN THE UPPER AND LOWER LANDING OF SOUTH BERWICK. IT WILL COST \$1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A FOOTBRIDGE. PEOPLE BUILD BRIDGES, BRIDGES BUILD COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES BUILD OPPORTUNITIES. THIS STATEMENT IS ADAPTED FROM THE BRIDGE BRIGADE, WHOSE SUPPORT WILL SOON HELP BRING ANOTHER BRIDGE TO SOUTH BERWICK. MARSHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY AS CLASSROOM.

[Maddie LaF]: TONIGHT WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THIS CHECK FOR \$200.00 TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GREAT WORKS BRIDGE BRIGADE AND TO THANK MRS. LINDA BECKER, WHO CAME AND SHARED HER HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES AND PERSONAL HISTORY OF THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. THE MONEY WAS RAISED AT OUR ANNUAL EVENING TALENT SHOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR CHORUS MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN. EVEN THOUGH \$200.00 IS A SMALL PART OF THE FOUR-HUNDRED-THOUSAND DOLLARS BEING RAISED LOCALLY, WE ARE PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS WORTHY ENDEAVOR TO PRESERVE OUR LOCAL LANDMARKS FOR YEARS TO COME. WE WOULD LIKE MRS. LINDA BECKER TO RECEIVE OUR DONATION TO THE GREAT WORKS BRIDGE BRIGADE.

Amerah and Brandon hold giant check