

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD,
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4383 ALBANY POST ROAD, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK,
12538, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 AT 9:00 AM.

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR ALFRED TORREGGIANI
COUNCILWOMAN NICOLE NOAKES
COUNCILWOMAN LYNN RUGGIERO
COUNCILMAN JOHN LOMBARDI
COUNCILMAN DONALD PRUSAKOWSKI
ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN SARAH WILSON
TOWN CLERK DONNA MCGROGAN

ABSENT: NONE

Supervisor Torreggiani opened the meeting with the Pledge of Alliance to the flag.

RESOLUTION 8:22 - 1 OF 2022

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN
SUPERVISOR TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT ENDORSING WHOLE
FOODS COMMITMENT TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL GROCER FOR THE
TOWN OF HYDE PARK BELLEFIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park is home to an expansive development project known as Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park (“Bellefield”) located 15 West Dorsey Lane in Hyde Park, County of Dutchess, State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Bellefield is currently considering commercial entities to be included in the development;

WHEREAS, Whole Foods Market IP, Inc. (“Whole Foods”), a subsidiary of Amazon, is an American multinational supermarket chain headquartered in Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Whole Foods is a candidate for inclusion as the official grocer at Bellefield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to provide a letter of support for Whole Foods to become the featured grocer at Bellefield.

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To remove “COMMITMENT TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL GROCER” from the resolution title, “as the official grocer” from the fourth (4th) Whereas paragraph, and to change the word “the” in “the featured grocer” to the word “a” (a featured grocer) in the last paragraph.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 5
ALL OPPOSED 0 AMENDMENT CARRIED

Supervisor Torreggiani explained that the intent of this resolution is to encourage and welcome business to Hyde Park, but in no way try to influence Whole Food’s approvals of the Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals or the Building Department. They will be required to complete the entire process to become approved.

AS AMENDED

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RESOLUTION 8:22 – 2 OF 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TO SUPPORT THE CALVERT VAUX PRESERVATION ALLIANCE’S APPLICATION FOR A HUDSON VALLEY GREENWAY TRAILS GRANT TO CREATE A HERITAGE TOUR PROGRAM FOR THE POINT IN MILLS NORRIE STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park, a Hudson River Valley Greenway Compact Community, is blessed with several beautiful riverfront parks that the Town Board and Town residents are keenly interested in maintaining and enhancing; and

WHEREAS, Hyde Park is blessed with a collection of nationally important historic sites that contribute to the Hyde Park and regional economies through attracting visitors and providing good jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Point is an underrecognized and underused site of national importance, having been designed in 1855 by Calvert Vaux for Lydig and Geraldine Livingston Hoyt, and having modelled many design elements later deployed in the 1857 Greensward Plan for New York City’s Central Park authored by Vaux and Frederick Law Olmsted; and

WHEREAS, as it is restored, redeployed, and maintained, The Point will make a growing contribution to visitation in Mills Norrie State Park and to the Hyde Park and regional economies through helping to encourage longer visitor stays and providing good jobs; and

WHEREAS, Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance has over the past 14 years been working diligently to restore and sustainably re-purpose The Point, described in the Master Plan for Mills Norrie State Park as “nationally significant for its exceptional design and intrinsic scenic beauty”; and

WHEREAS, Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance recently published a *Cultural Landscape Report Historic Narrative* for The Point that can serve as a resource for a historic landscape tour of the site and held a national symposium entitled *Designing the Landscape That Made America: Calvert Vaux and His Peers in the Hudson Valley* led by five prominent historians of American landscape history and attended by more than one hundred guests; and

WHEREAS, a historic tour of The Point’s landscape will further attract visitors to Mills Norrie State Park and build awareness both to support restoration of the site and to serve the Hyde Park and regional economies; and

WHEREAS, Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance has obtained a \$10,000 grant from Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation to help support development of a tour script for The Point’s landscape; and

WHEREAS, Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance held a June 21, 2018, public forum at which a capacity crowd of over sixty people attended, with many residents expressing strong support for restoring The Point; and

WHEREAS, THE Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance is preparing an application to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a Trails grant to develop a landscape tour program using the new tour script.

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To remove the words ”blessed with”, replacing it with “fortunate to have” in every instance.

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SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

To adjourn Special meeting

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 5
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna McGrogan", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Donna McGrogan
Town Clerk