

**HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. AUTHORIZE LETTER OF SUPPORT ENDORSING WHOLE FOODS COMMITMENT TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL GROCER FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK BELLEFIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
  
2. AUTHORIZE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TO SUPPORT THE CALVERT VAUX PRESERVATION ALLIANCE'S APPLICATION FOR A HUDSON VALLEY GREENWAY TRAILS GRANT TO CREATE A HEARITAGE TOUR PROGRAM FOR "THE POINT" IN MILLS NORRIE STATE PARK

**NEW AND OLD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

**\*A MOTION MAY BE MADE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

RESOLUTION 1 WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT  
TIME OF PUBLICATION

## RESOLUTION 8:22 - 2

### **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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board supports the Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance’s application for a Hudson Valley Greenway Trails Grant to help support development of a landscape tour script and program for The Point.

**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

**ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK**

Councilwoman Noakes	_____
Councilwoman Ruggiero	_____
Councilman Lombardi	_____
Councilman Prusakowski	_____
Supervisor Torreggiani	_____