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**West Point Museum Curator Joins Incline Railway Society's
Advisory Board**

(Beacon, NY) – David Reel, the Director and Chief Curator of the West Point Museum at the United States Military Academy, was confirmed by the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Society's Board of Trustees as a member of its newly created Board of Advisors.

The Board of Advisors is an evaluative body that reviews the Society's business practices on a semi-annual basis and makes written recommendations for improved practices to the President and CEO. To avoid conflict of interest, members of the Board of Advisors are not members of the Society.

David Reel is a nationally recognized expert in the museum field with a particular emphasis on the fine arts, with a specialty in American nineteenth century landscape painting and military portraiture. In his fifteen years of museum experience, he has worked with private collectors, auction houses, corporate curators and numerous museums to assemble outstanding exhibitions and collections. As an absolute believer in the educational component of museums, he enjoys developing exhibitions using original historical artifacts that help narrate the host museum's mission.

In accepting his election to the Board of Advisors, Mr. Reel was deeply honored, saying, "I am excited to be an active supporter in helping preserve our cultural and regional heritage." When asked why the Mount Beacon Incline Railway was especially intriguing to him, Reel said, "I'm fascinated by history and am passionate about preserving items of local importance for current and future generations of Hudson Valley residents, as well as those tourists who continue to be so vital to our economic and cultural well being."

Mr. Reel graduated from Dickinson College with a Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Studio Art. He holds a Master's Degree in Visual Arts Administration from New York University. His thesis work focused on the repatriation of cultural artifacts and the resulting impact on cultural institutions in America. He is a native of the East Coast, having lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Carlisle, Pennsylvania and Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey. Reel currently resides in Cornwall, New York with his wife Stephanie, their daughter Allison, and son Spencer.

About The Incline Society: The Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society, headquartered in the City of Beacon in Dutchess County, New York, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Historical Society registered with the New York State Education Department. It also holds a Provisional Charter issued by the New York State Board of Regents.

The Society's mission is to restore, operate and maintain the Incline Railway on North Beacon Mountain, in the City of Beacon, New York and the Town of Fishkill, New York. The Railway is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an important part of American industrial, engineering, transportation and leisure history. It will serve as a living museum and centerpiece asset in the restoration of the Mount Beacon summit as a scenic, historic and recreational resource. Press kits are available at: www.inclinerailway.org/news_press_kit.htm