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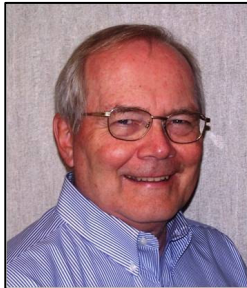
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Schaeffer, Atherton Join Incline Society Board of Trustees

(Beacon, NY) – Today the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society announced the addition of two new members to its Board of Trustees.



Fred Schaeffer, Esq. has served as Chairman of the [Walkway Over the Hudson](#) organization since 2004. This non-profit group formed to convert the abandoned Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge into a walkway and bike way. The Walkway successfully opened last October and was a centerpiece of New York State's Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial celebration.

A resident of Pleasant Valley in Dutchess County, Schaeffer has been a practicing attorney in the Poughkeepsie area for over 30 years. He is a current member and past President of the Dutchess County Bar Association. He is also a former President of the following organizations: the Lions Club of Pleasant Valley, the Pleasant Valley Library, the Mid-Hudson Sierra Club, the Voluntary Action Center, and the Pleasant Valley Chamber of Commerce. Schaeffer is a bicycling enthusiast who has promoted cycling in the area. He has also been a leading advocate for the construction of the Dutchess Rail Trail.

Currently serving as Town Historian for the Town of Pleasant Valley, Schaeffer was also a member of the New York State Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission. "Fred obviously brings tremendous experience, drive and integrity to our Board," said Incline Society President and CEO Anne Lynch. "In addition to his proven leadership on the Walkway project, his legal acumen, knowledge of history and community focus makes him a tremendous addition to our team. His practical experience as a successful not-for-profit leader is invaluable. I'll be listening to him very carefully, and I know he'll be integral to our success."



John Atherton is another new addition to the Society's board. He is currently Chief Clerk of the Dutchess County Surrogate's Court, 9th Judicial District, located in Poughkeepsie. A graduate of Lafayette College, Atherton has long been involved in historic railway preservation and is confident the Mount Beacon Incline Railway will once again become a premier Hudson Valley tourist attraction. "When it comes to historic railways, John may be the most knowledgeable member of our Board," said Lynch. "He's also one of those leaders who seem to know just about everybody. His talents, dedication and record of community

service are exactly what we look for in our trustees.” Atherton and his wife Anne reside in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

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 located in Mt. Beacon Park, created on 234 acres of land preserved by [Scenic Hudson](#). Scenic Hudson purchased the park's land parcels in 1995 and 1998, respectively. The latter parcel, proposed for a residential subdivision before its acquisition, contains the remnants of the lower portion of the Railway. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Incline Railway 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