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Neil Bettez, Supervisor,
and Members of the Town of New Paltz Town Board
P.O. Box 550
New Paltz, NY 12561

RE: Foothills Site Plan Guiderail Dedication Request

Dear Supervisor Bettez and Members of the Town Board:

As you know, when the Town of New Paltz Planning Board approved the Site Plan for the Mohonk Preserve Foothills in July of 2016, a goal was the improvement of roadside safety and aesthetics by eventually enacting a no parking ordinance. The ordinance would ideally be enacted once the Mohonk Preserve has completed and opened to the public our proposed safe, off-road Testimonial Gateway trailhead.

It was further contemplated that along a specific section of Buttrville Road north of the Lenape Lane overpass bridge, and in the area of the easternmost end of Lenape Lane where it intersects with Gatehouse Road, there would be continuous wood guiderails placed. In consultation with the Planning Board and Town Highway Superintendent Chris Marx it was determined that these guiderails should be placed within the Town's right of way on these sections of the public roads.

Mohonk Preserve remains in accord with the goal of placing the guiderails within the Town's right of way. However, prior to installation of the guiderails by Mohonk Preserve, we reasonably request that the Town accept the guiderails on dedication and indemnify, save, and hold Mohonk Preserve harmless from future liability for the guiderails.

Once the Town acts on the above request, **there remains the question of when the guiderails can or should be installed.** Neighbors and Town officials have suggested that, due to the worsening unauthorized and unsafe parking situation along these sections of road, which according to the Highway Superintendent is resulting in deterioration of the road edge surfaces, maintenance difficulties and costing taxpayer money, the No Parking ban be affected and/or some temporary continuous barrier be installed along the roadway shoulder as soon as possible.

The Preserve has noted that, ideally the parking ban could wait to be timed to the opening of our new safe, off-road trailhead lots, so as not to cause an abrupt change in the longstanding parking habits along the road without having alternative off-road parking already in place. However, it is likely to be into late 2018 before the Preserve will have the new Testimonial Gateway lot in place.

The Preserve defers to the Town as to when the No Parking ordinance and/or continuous barrier along the shoulder be enacted.

If the Town wishes to act to accept the Mohonk Preserve guiderails on dedication sooner, and/or also pass a No Parking ordinance sooner, we would support the Town's decision and we could erect at least a temporary guiderail (e.g. a staked rope line or something else temporary in consultation with the Highway Superintendent) in advance of the permanent guiderails. However, to place anything within the Town's public right of way would require us first to have the Town agree to the dedication of guiderails and indemnification of the Preserve.

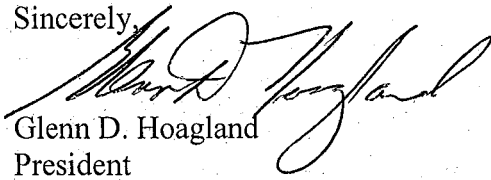
Attached please find the following graphics to further elucidate what is proposed:

- Map showing roadside areas where a No Parking ordinance is needed;
- Graphics showing the existing conditions and proposed improvements to the area at the eastern end of Lenape Lane with Gatehouse Road near Route 299;
- Graphics showing the existing conditions and proposed improvements (including the grass trail section of the River To Ridge Trail to parallel Butternut Road).

In summary, we respectfully request that the Town take the first step now of resolving to accept the guiderails on dedication and indemnify and save and hold Mohonk Preserve harmless. We would be glad to meet with the Town Board at the Board's convenience to discuss this matter and come to a resolution. As we have in the past, we pledge to work in close cooperation and consultation with the Highway Superintendent in all future roadside management endeavors surrounding the Foothills.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Glenn D. Hoagland
President

Cc: Chris Marx, Town of New Paltz Highway Superintendent

