**Jonathan Parker Named Superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site**

PHILADELPHIA - National Park Service Regional Director Gay Vietzke has named Jonathan Parker as the new superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, New York. Parker will begin his assignment on August 30, 2020.

“Sagamore Hill National Historic Site will greatly benefit from Jonathan’s leadership style and knowledge of the site,” said Vietzke. “While serving as acting superintendent at the park earlier this year, Jonathan successfully steered operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. is dedicated to improving the quality of visitor access and experiences within the park while also addressing the preservation of this exceptional presidential home.”

“I am honored to have been selected to serve as the superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site,” said Parker. “It is a privilege to support the ongoing mission of this place that is singular in American history. Not only is Sagamore Hill an iconic home to a renowned American President and his family, it is a serene, beautiful and living emblem of Theodore Roosevelt’s

regard for the conservation of the American landscape. I am equally honored to work alongside the park’s outstanding staff and partners, whose diligent efforts ensure that its mission is

preserved.”

Parker currently serves as the chief of interpretation at Valley Forge National Historical Park in Pennsylvania. He recently led the collaborative development of a combined $2.5 million federal

project for the park that included the design of 3,600 square feet of new exhibits and the production of five new films. He previously served as the chief of interpretation, education and partnerships at Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works national historic sites in Massachusetts.

Parker began his career in the National Park Service as a volunteer at Valley Forge National Historical Park and has worked as a division chief, park ranger, volunteer coordinator, and

dispatcher at seven national park units including Rainbow Bridge National Monument in Utah, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Utah and Arizona and Lowell National Historical Park

in Massachusetts.

Parker is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and Education from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He is an Eagle Scout and enjoys sailing, hiking and photography.