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NEWS from the CWC

CWC Board to meet in Stamford December 6

MARGARETVILLE, November 28, 2011 – The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors will hold its final meeting of 2011 at the newly refurbished Delaware Inn in Stamford Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.

CWC committee meetings will also be held at the Inn before and following the full Board meeting. The public is welcome at any of these meetings. Consult the CWC's website, www.cwconline.org for the schedule.

The venue is an unusual one --the Board ordinarily meets at CWC offices in Margaretville, which will remain open and partially staffed December 6. The visit to Stamford will allow Board members to see the new Delaware Inn. The historic building was partially reconstructed and rejuvenated as a lodging facility in a CWC-funded project intended to breathe new life into a key structure that had been vacant for many years.

The 19th-century Inn has long been a focal point of community life. The first election of Village of Stamford officers took place there in 1870; the post office was located in the building for many years, and Theodore Roosevelt is said to have stayed there in the early 1900s when he was Police Commissioner for New York City.

In 2007, the CWC purchased the landmark Inn from owners Madeline Hitt and Laura Thonnesen and began reconstructing it with an eye towards bringing it back to commercial use. Now available for sale to potential operators, the Inn features 19 guest rooms (one of them handicapped accessible on the first floor) and one suite, as well as a large event room with vaulted ceiling, a catering kitchen, two conference rooms and a tavern space, complete with stone fireplace.

The three-story structure was rebuilt with sustainable principles: solar panels on the roof provide hot water to all 22 bathrooms and the kitchen; heat from water extracted from geothermal wells beneath the parking lot warm the rooms. The walls are superinsulated with foam, and new energy efficient windows have been installed.

James Forbes, PE, was the consulting engineer; Wood Done Right was the general contractor selected through a competitive bidding process. Inquiries from prospective purchasers can be directed to Ben Fenton at Timberland Properties/Coldwell Bankers, 845-586-3321.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.