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## **PRESS RELEASE** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **For Woodland Pond**

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### **IN MIDST OF PANDEMIC, WOODLAND POND RESIDENT CONFIRMED BY NYS SENATE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COUNCIL**

NEW PALTZ, N.Y., June 8, 2021— Woodland Pond at New Paltz (“Woodland Pond”) reports that the New York State Senate has confirmed the appointment of a long time resident, Madeline Lee, to the Continuing Care Retirement Community (“CCRC”) Council of the New York State Attorney General (“the AG’s Council”). This appointment has been years in the making, and came in just under the wire before the end of the current legislative session.

Ms. Lee, known to her neighbors as Maddy, served at the President of the Woodland Pond at New Paltz Residents’ Council at the time of her nomination to the Council, several years ago. In this role, Maddy was responsible for ensuring that each resident at the New Paltz retirement community had an equal voice in expressing concerns or recommendations about life at Woodland Pond. Maddy spent a lifetime prior to retiring advocating for the voiceless. The combination of these experiences prepared Maddy for the nomination to the AG’s Council.

Article 46 of the New York State Public Health Law, section 4602, establishes the AG’s Council. The responsibilities of the appointed AG’s Council members include: the approval or rejection of certificates of authority for new or existing CCRCs in NYS, coordination of oversight of NYS CCRCs by New York State regulatory agencies, the proposal to the Governor and the NYS legislature recommendations related to regulation of and development of CCRCs, the review of reports regarding the operations and financial health of CCRCs in NY, the recommendation of financial plans of correction for CCRCs, and the review, approval or rejection of applications for industrial development agency financing for CCRCs in NYS, among other things.

The AG’s Council, when fully appointed, includes the NYS Attorney General or designee, the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Health or designee, the Director of the NYS Office of the Aging, at least 2 members that are residents of NYS CCRCs, and up to 6 additional members of the public. Members serve voluntarily for four-year terms, meetings happen several times per year.



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About her appointment, Maddy says: "It's an honor to be appointed by the Governor to a Council that governs something so integral to my life now. I live in a CCRC, and am daily grateful for the kind of care and services I receive. To be part of a group that looks out for the quality of the programs and services provided by CCRCs throughout the state - medical, emotional, educational, environmental - as well as seeing to their own health, will be a deeply rewarding service to my state."

## **ABOUT WOODLAND POND**

Woodland Pond at New Paltz is located in New Paltz, N.Y., and is a not-for-profit, upscale continuing care retirement community (CCRC), tailored exclusively for those aged 62 and older. Nestled beneath the shoulder of the breathtaking Shawangunk Ridge, the community opened in 2009 and is the only CCRC in the mid-Hudson Valley. Woodland Pond offers an 83-acre campus that includes a professionally staffed Health Center and a Community Center with an art studio, fitness center, heated indoor swimming pool, salon, Dedrick's at the Pond, library, woodworking shop, game room, free computer access, a smart classroom, and more. Woodland Pond has led the senior living industry in COVID pandemic response to date, largely avoiding the devastating effects experienced by many long-term care communities, though is careful to say "we aren't done yet!"

As a true CCRC, Woodland Pond at New Paltz offers independent living with a choice of a private residence (24 cottages and 177 apartments), services, and amenities. Many of the apartment styles and all the cottages are now either fully reserved and/or occupied. Under Woodland Pond's Life Care program, residents are provided privileged admission to the assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing center. Life Care functions similar to a long-term-care policy wrapped in a healthy and fulfilling resort lifestyle—so that residents can enjoy this chapter of their lives in an inspiring and supportive environment, free from worrying about escalating future long-term-care expenses.

Woodland Pond caters to a diverse group of accomplished individuals with a variety of interests and a zest for life. For more details, please visit: <http://wpatnp.org>.

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