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Pete Seeger Delighted the Sold Out Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting at Long Dock Beacon Site, September 5

Wappingers Falls, NY...As a gentle breeze blew off the Hudson River, Pete Seeger, the singer/songwriter and environmental advocate was greeted with a standing ovation at the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting – “Beacon and Eggs” – on September 5 at the Long Dock Beacon site. Sharing several stories from his life, Seeger, 88, concluded his brief comments with a stirring rendition of the national anthem while playing his banjo. Seeger was accompanied at the breakfast by his wife of more than 60 years, Toshi Ohta Seeger.

At the sold out event, Scenic Hudson gave special recognition to Senator Steve Saland who played an early visionary role in linking the Beacon Train Station and Dia:Beacon, by securing \$1 million in state funding for a walkway which created a beautiful gateway to Long Dock and the entire waterfront. Saland also secured \$1 million in funding for the Beacon Station Parking Expansion and Access Improvements projects, which is now complete.

Saland was also recognized by Saint Francis Hospital at the breakfast, and was presented with a Seth Nadel rendering of the Panichi Family Center for Communication and Learning which will soon open in the City of Beacon. Saland secured a \$168,700 state grant for diagnostic/medical/therapeutic equipment to be used in the Center.

The breakfast was sponsored by Central Hudson, Cuddy & Feder LLP, Art DeDominicis, CPA and St. Francis Hospital.

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