



Watch Hill Inn Appoints New Manager After Announcement of Joint Endeavor with Ocean House

Slated to Open Memorial Day Weekend, After Extensive Renovations, Watch Hill Inn will be Run by Amanda Tokarski

WATCH HILL, RI (April 4, 2014) – Ocean House Management, LLC (OHM), operators of the Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island; Weekapaug Inn in Weekapaug, Rhode Island; and Watch Hill Inn in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, today announced Amanda Tokarski will be overseeing the daily operations of the Watch Hill Inn as its new manager.

In February, OHM and Watch Hill Properties (WHP), announced the formation of a joint endeavor to renovate and reposition the Watch Hill Inn into a luxury, all-suite boutique property managed by and affiliated with the Ocean House and Relais & Châteaux.

“Amanda is someone who has shown that she is able to uphold the extremely high standards we set for our hotels and raises the bar, challenging us to reach new levels,” said Daniel A. Hostettler, President and Group Managing Director of Ocean House Management, LLC. “While the Watch Hill Inn has an abundance of history, it will feel like a whole new Inn upon the completion of its renovations and I am confident that Amanda will be the perfect person to welcome back returning guests and new visitors alike to this newly-contemporary hotel.”

Tokarski is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island and holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Hotel & Tourism Management as well as a MBA degree in Hospitality Event Management.

In between pursuing her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees, Tokarski began her career in hospitality with an advanced intern position with Disney’s Hilton Head Island Resort in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. This nine month program allowed Tokarski to complete a rotation through all operational departments within the resort. After going back to Johnson & Wales University for her Master’s degree, Tokarski joined Ocean House as a Floor Valet in 2010. In 2011, Tokarski was promoted to Lead Floor Valet and Assistant Director of Housekeeping at Ocean House, before joining the Weekapaug Inn team prior to the hotel’s reopening in October of 2012. At Weekapaug Inn, Tokarski served as part of the senior management team as Director of Housekeeping for two years.

Guests of the Watch Hill Inn will be able to enjoy the facilities at both Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn, including both resorts' dining outlets, beaches and pools, as well as the OH! Spa and fitness center at Ocean House. Familiar with both Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn and their communities, Tokarski will be able to assist guests of Watch Hill Inn in making the most of their visits and taking advantage of the offerings at the two Relais and Châteaux properties.

"Watch Hill Inn's new design, featuring 18 residentially-inspired suites and duplexes with custom kitchens and private laundry, make this property perfect for young families," said Hostettler. "With a young family of her own, welcoming her first child last December, Amanda will be the perfect Innkeeper to ensure that all guests feel at home during their stay."

About Watch Hill Inn

As the oldest original structure in Watch Hill Village, the Watch Hill Inn was built in 1845 and was known as the Narragansett House. Listed in the National Historical Landmark Register in Washington D.C., the Inn was the first building to be built as an inn from conception and reported to be the oldest of its kind in the country. Along with the Ocean House, the Watch Hill Inn was one of only two Watch Hill original hotels to survive the hurricane of 1938. In 2007, renovations were completed that converted the Inn into a collection of private condominiums. Its current renovations will build on the 2007 restoration, by combining several units into luxury duplexes, ranging from 650 to 4,000 square feet and each with terraces, just steps away from Watch Hill Harbor. The contemporary, sophisticated design will appeal to a younger clientele, as each suite will be equipped with that latest technology. The Inn is slated to open in summer 2014 and upon its completion, it will be affiliated with Relais & Châteaux. For more information, please visit www.watchhillinn.com or call 401-584-7400.

About Ocean House

The Ocean House, one of New England's last grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. The 136-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 15 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. This stately property is the only AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Five-Star rated resort in Rhode Island. For more information, please visit www.oceanhouseri.com or call 401-584-7000.

About Weekapaug Inn

The Ocean House was recently joined by sister property, the Weekapaug Inn, which reopened in October 2012. The Inn is located five miles from the Ocean House in the peaceful community of Weekapaug, Rhode Island, with expansive views of Quonochontaug Pond, and the Atlantic just beyond. Inspired by classic Cape Cod style, the property features 27 guest rooms and four Signature Suites, with farm-to-table fine and casual dining and boutique event space. For more information, please visit www.weekapauginn.com or call 888-813-7862.

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