

Candidate for First Selectman



Kit Devereaux

First Selectman candidate Kit Devereaux has demonstrated her commitment to New Canaan through her previous eight-year record on the New Canaan Town Council, her service on the Board of Finance and the New Canaan Park and Recreation Commission, on the recent Charter Revision Commission, and her leadership as president of the League of Women Voters. In addition to those positions, Kit has also been a board member of the New Canaan Library, Staying Put of New Canaan and is past president of the New Canaan Nature Center.

"New Canaan is a wonderful place to live," she says. "I am running for first selectman because it is paramount to me that it remains that wonderful place." Citing her finance background, multiple and diverse terms in town government, and volunteer work on behalf of numerous organizations that serve New Canaan, Kit said, "I believe that these collective experiences make me uniquely qualified for the job of First Selectman."

Because of her deep experience in town matters, Kit believes she has a strong understanding of the town and of how it works. As someone who has demonstrated her commitment through her numerous activities both in official and unofficial capacities, Kit described New Canaan as a small town with a big heart that benefits from "amazing levels of volunteerism."

Finally and significantly, she said: "I have a passion to keep it safe and strong. With all its qualities, New Canaan faces many challenges, among them: rising taxes, falling home values, zoning confrontations, cell service placement, and commuter parking." With those issues to address, Kit said it is important to maintain an open mind. "I listen carefully, and I am pragmatic and inclusive in decision-making," she explained. "Of particular importance, I have a record of problem solving. I want to work to include all of the voices in our community, not just the strident ones."

Kit graduated from Hamilton College and received her M.B.A. in Finance from the NYU Stern School of Business. Professionally, she worked at Salomon Brothers in Chicago and New York.

In addition to the previously described activities and service to New Canaan, Kit has also served as a Vestry Member for St. Marks Church, is entering her second year as a Co-chair of May Fair, is currently serving as a board member for the Silvermine Community Association and is the liaison on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Spencer's Run Committee. Kit and her husband, Robert Geitz, have lived in town for 25 years and have a 28-year-old daughter.

"This is a town that seeks to take care of each other when trouble strikes, and we take pride in the accomplishments of our residents -- both kids and adults," she said. "We all have chosen to live here for a reason. Let's all work together to keep the values we share and the natural beauty that we cherish."