

Candidate for Town Treasurer



Robin Fryer

Following a long and distinguished career as a partner with an international "Big-4" CPA firm working with major multinationals, Robin (Rob) Fryer is running for town treasurer to bring his expertise and professional experience to oversee the town's taxpayer dollars. "New Canaan needs a treasurer with a finance and accounting background and career," Rob wrote in a recent letter to the editor in the New Canaan Advertiser, noting the town has not had that background in a treasurer in decades. With his accounting degree and career as a CPA in public practice but now retired and having the time to give back to the community, Rob wants to extend his expertise to serve as town treasurer.

For several years, our auditors have identified "material weaknesses" in New Canaan's financial controls, Rob wrote in his Advertiser letter. "Not only is this embarrassing for us as a town, it is a red flag that taxpayers' dollars lack adequate oversight and protection," he added. "The town's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 were only completed and approved in March 2017. Residents deserve better."

Rob is heavily involved in benefitting the New Canaan community as a board member of the New Canaan Community Foundation and the New Canaan Land Trust. On the Foundation Board, Fryer serves on the finance, audit, distributions and nominating committees. In 2014, Rob and his wife, Margie, donated a conservation easement along the Rippowam River to the New Canaan Land Trust, which led to his engagement with the Land Trust, including raising funds over the past year for the creation of the Silvermine-Fowler preserve on the east side of town. Together, he and his wife are also active in the New Canaan Beautification League, including maintaining and enhancing the island garden at the Ponus Ridge/Greenley intersection.

Rob and his wife moved to New Canaan from South Africa in 1988 with their two children. He has degrees from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and the University of South Africa, Pretoria. He also completed the Senior Executive Program at the Columbia University Business School.