

Candidate for Town Council



Elizabeth Gores Donovan

Democratic Town Council Candidate Elizabeth (Liz) Gores Donovan is running to focus attention on senior needs in New Canaan, as well as working on finding satisfactory solutions to many of the issues confronting the town, such as improving cell phone service, increasing parking facilities, maintaining the town's character and improving the viability of downtown retail.

Her interest in senior living issues sparked by family circumstances motivated her to found a company dedicated to the needs of the elderly, Senior Support and Transition (seniorsupportandtransition.com). Liz serves as the company's executive director. She is also secretary to the Togetherhood Service Committee at the New Canaan Community YMCA. Active in the New Canaan Democratic Town Committee, Liz is its Treasurer.

Born into a New Canaan family, Liz is the youngest daughter of Harvard Five architect Landis Gores. Having moved back to her childhood home in 2014, Liz and her husband, Dr. Craig Donovan, occupy the house her architect father designed. The first house he designed, the home is listed on the National Historic Registry.

Her father's disability as a result of the 1954 polio epidemic made Liz sensitive from childhood to the need for not only a safe environment for the elderly and disabled, but also a functional one. Her earliest jobs as a teen were assisting other local residents affected by polio - helping them to shop, eat, bathe and do their jobs, and thus be able to continue living in their own homes. Inspired by her mother and other area seniors, she decided to leave the corporate arena upon her return to New Canaan, and to complete the USC Executive Certification in Home Modification Program, as well as obtaining full membership in the National Association of Senior Move Managers (NASMM).

Graduating from NCHS in 1977, she earned degrees from Princeton and Monmouth Universities. While living in New Jersey Liz was immersed in the corporate world of telecommunications, with roles ranging from corporate trainer to software developer to management. She also raised a family of adopted and foster children and held various volunteer positions in her Princeton class and the local Boy Scouts, all while managing a family equestrian operation for twenty years.