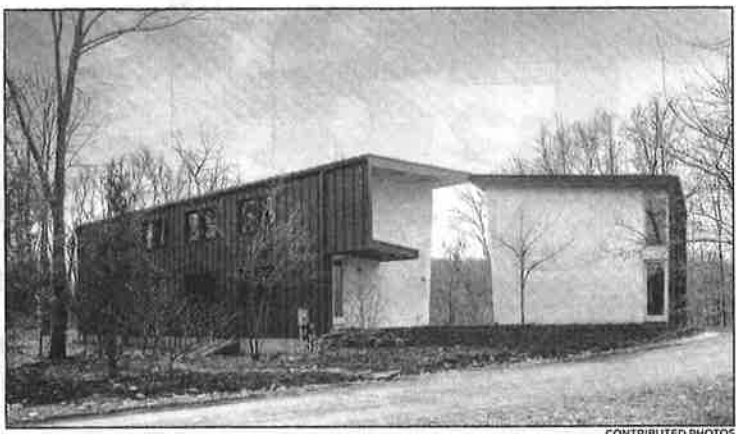


# ON THE MARKET

## Revolutionary design in colonial stronghold

**H**ere is something different. Here is something new. Here is something not typically found among the historic neighborhoods of Litchfield County. This home possesses explicitly modernist aesthetics and offers a new-



**This 2005 modern is so revolutionary in its ecological design, it was even featured in multiple prominent publications.**

found sense of eclecticism to an area whose residential architecture is largely defined by early American antiquity. Constructed all the way back in 2005 on a large plot of land in Sharon, this ell-shaped structure is comprised of two rectangular buildings which just barely abut at the corners of their respective overhangs, a layout which effectively opens a conduit to the courtyard between the adjacent structures. Indeed, a house



**The open floor plan on the main level includes the living room with fireplace and 18-foot ceiling.**

comprised of dual rectangular buildings with an interior of wide-open spaces and soaring ceilings seemingly belies the vintage values seen in the 18th and 19th century houses which populate the region. "Well, it is much more modern than our neighbors," admitted owner and designer Lynn Gaffney, before noting that "there are some modern gems in the area." And in keeping with the contemporary architectural theme, it has quite the ecological bent. Gaffney, who is principal of New York-based firm Lynn Gaffney

Architect, said that she prefers to design in an agricultural vernacular merged with sustainable elements. That is why she received ample press after building this perpendicular home. The environmentalism grabbed the attention of treehugger.com and the modernism of Dwell magazine. But neither publication was prepared to separate the elements. "In order to stay within her desired aesthetic and also be green, Gaffney chose to build with structural insulated panels, or SIPs, as they're commonly known," stated a 2009 article in Dwell. "The panels are essentially pieces of dense foam insulation sandwiched between two thin layers of engineered wood, and they're used in place of traditional stud and frame construction. "The handy thing about SIPs, and the reason they're so popular with sustainable proponents, is that they're prefabricated off-site, manufactured with a minimum of waste since they're cut to order, and then quickly assembled on-site," it continued. Here is something different. Here is something new. Here is a house which will outlast them all.

### IN THE DETAILS

**Listing:** William Pitt  
**Sotheby's International Realty**  
**Price:** \$650,000  
**Bedrooms:** 3 **Baths:** 2  
**Acreage:** 8.4  
**Year built:** 2005

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