



THE FATHER & SON TEAM BEHIND KENT VILLAGE BARN SHOPS

James E. Preston
President
Rock Hill Associates LLC

James E. Preston is the former Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Avon Products, Inc. Mr. Preston's career at Avon spanned 35 years. He became President and Chief Executive Officer of the company in 1988, and was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1989.

Mr. Preston serves on the boards of Foot Locker, Inc., Project Hope, The New Milford Hospital, The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation and the Kent Land Trust.

A resident of Kent, Connecticut since 1989, Mr. Preston is a 1955 graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Matthew Preston
Principal
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Matthew Preston, son of James Preston, graduated from Cornell University in 1988 with a degree in civil engineering. After working in construction for a few years for the hands-on experience, he moved to Germany in 1990 and enrolled in the Technical University in Berlin to study city and regional planning. The Berlin Wall had just come down and it proved to be an exciting time to be working in the field. Preston spent the next three years studying and developing new city plans for communities across East Germany.

Preston returned to the United States when he was recruited by the University of North Carolina. He received his masters degree in regional planning in 1996. Shortly thereafter, he founded Bridgeport Design Group with Nils Wiesenmüller, whom he met in Berlin.