

# Four area residents named to Community Foundation's board of directors

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BRISTOL – The Main Street Community Foundation celebrated major milestones and elected four new members from area communities to its Board of Directors at its annual meeting.

Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation, said the foundation's Board of Directors consists of 21 community leaders that act as liaisons between their communities and the foundation.

Sadecki added the board members will play an "essential role" in guiding the foundation's work. They are charged, she said, with "ensuring donors' intentions are fulfilled in perpetuity while meeting the needs of the local communities."

"It is critical now more than ever that we know the current and emerging needs in each of our communities so that we can respond quickly and effectively," Sadecki said.

The new appointees are Jarre Betts, of Bristol, Eric Clemons, of Bristol, Megan Albanese, of Southington, and Becky Zappone, of Plymouth.



Jarre Betts -The Main Street Community Foundation

Betts has years of nonprofit and philanthropic leadership experience, including two decades at the Community Foundation, retiring as the vice president of programs in 2018.

Clemons is a longtime broadcaster who has rooted himself in the Bristol community. He was most recently elected president of the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP.

Albanese is a lifelong Southington resident and the youth prevention coordinator for the town of Southington STEPS Prevention Coalition.

Zappone is currently a CPA and director at Harper & Whitfield, P.C. in Farmington and actively involved in the town's civic and nonprofit organizations.

"We are grateful for Megan, Jarre, Eric and Becky's generous commitment of time and the valuable and unique expertise they bring to the Foundation," Sadecki said.

The Main Street Community Foundation also celebrated several other milestones this March.

In 2020, a record \$2 million in grants were awarded. Since the foundation's establishment in 1995 a total of over \$21.3 million has been distributed.

"Despite the pandemic, the foundation helped to sustain the nonprofits located in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott because of the generosity of all the donors who have established legacy funds at the Foundation over the past 25 years," Sadecki said.

The Main Street Community Foundation serves the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

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