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## **The Essex Foundation Announce New 2025 Board Members**

Essex, CT - The Essex Foundation, Inc. announced the recent appointment of Marla Bogaert and Gary Riggio as members of the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization's board of directors. They join ongoing members Strickland Hyde, James Clark, Judy Bombaci, Cheryl Harger, and Bruce Glowac, and fill two open positions from outgoing members Herb Clark and Jay Tonks.

Ms. Bogaert has lived in Essex for more than 35 years. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, she began her career in banking as a loan officer and branch manager and now serves as a Senior Residential Loan



Officer for Essex Savings Bank. She has served as treasurer of many community organizations including Essex Historical Society, Essex Library, and Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries, where she now volunteers at the Deep River Meal site and as a member of their finance committee. In addition, she currently serves as treasurer of River View Cemetery.

Mr. Riggio is a lifelong Ivoryton resident. After graduating Quinnipiac College with a degree in business, he went to work for the family construction business, Richard Riggio & Sons, taking the reins from his father along with his brother Paul in 1977. While contributing to the company's success, he has volunteered his time and donated company services to varied community needs. He is an active member of the Ivoryton Alliance and currently serves as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission among numerous other affiliations.

Founded in 1970, The Essex Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex citizens by providing medical, educational, social welfare, cultural, recreational, and civic support. Board members are focused on making funds available for special projects that are not typically supported by other nonprofit groups, and ones that require fast local action. More information can be found at [www.theessexfoundation.org](http://www.theessexfoundation.org) or by emailing [contact@theessexfoundation.org](mailto:contact@theessexfoundation.org).

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PHOTO CAPTION: The Essex Foundation Board of Directors welcomes new members Marla Bogaert and Gary Riggio at a recent meeting. From l-r: Bruce Glowac, Marla Bogaert, Cheryl Harger, Strick Hyde (seated), Gary Riggio, and Judy Bombaci. Not pictured: James Clark.