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## **Maribeth Lynch of Shrewsbury named a 2022 Commonwealth Heroine**

*Nominated by Representative Kane, Lynch honored by  
the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women*

*On June 22, 2022, Maribeth Lynch of Shrewsbury was honored as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2022 class of Commonwealth Heroines. State Representative Hannah Kane, (R-11<sup>th</sup> Worcester District), nominated Mrs. Lynch for this recognition because of her many years of community involvement and founding of the Shrewsbury Town Center Association.*

The Commonwealth Heroines are the backbone of local communities. They are the women who use their time, talent, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities and towns. They are mentors, volunteers and innovators who do what needs to be done without expectations of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community is better because of their contribution.

Owner of Thrive Real Estate, Maribeth Lynch is a generous and good neighbor in the bustling Shrewsbury town center, sharing her parking lot with people getting coffee at nearby Dunkin and placing benches outside her business encouraging people to linger. She hosts an ice cream truck on the last day of school and donates candy bars during the Spirit of Shrewsbury parade. A founding member of the Shrewsbury Town Center Association (STCA), Maribeth co-chairs the Yuletide Market and Light the Common, STCA's signature event, which draws thousands to the Town Common for an outside evening of holiday shopping, refreshments, entertainment, and camaraderie. Maribeth's civic pride shows in her volunteer work with the public schools, library, the Master Plan Steering Committee and the Beal Re-use Committee and she supports numerous community efforts. She is an incredible asset to the Shrewsbury community who always finds ways to give back to others.

“Maribeth Lynch’s community involvement and civic engagement has enhanced our Shrewsbury community tremendously for years and she is one of Shrewsbury’s greatest cheerleaders,” remarked Representative Kane. “I am so grateful for her leadership in founding and serving as President of the Shrewsbury Town Center Association. Her commitment to our downtown and her effectiveness as a leader will ensure our downtown continues to be revitalized in the years ahead.”

“Receiving the Commonwealth Heroine award has been such an honor, and I am thankful to Representative Hannah Kane for her nomination,” Ms. Lynch stated. “It was so moving to attend the event honoring heroines from across the state. After meeting so many of them and hearing their stories, I am more inspired than ever to continue to work on behalf of our community so it may thrive for future generations.”

The ceremony began with opening remarks by MCSW Chairwoman Denella Clark, followed by a special recognition of all 121 honorees.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts.

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