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**Maureen Johnson of Westborough named
a 2020 Commonwealth Heroine**

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

Maureen Johnson of Westborough will be honored as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2020 class of Commonwealth Heroines. Representative Kane (R – Shrewsbury) recommended Maureen for this recognition because of her significant contributions to the Westborough community. Maureen will be honored with the other Commonwealth Heroines in a virtual event celebrating the seventeenth-annual Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2020. The Commission will be sharing a slideshow provided through a shared link on the original date of the event of June 24, 2020 on its social media platforms.

Through Maureen's extensive volunteer work, she has found a way to support nearly all of the pillars that make a community strong. Whether as President of the Westborough Education Foundation, Chair of the Annual Trivia Bee, Co-chair of the Turkey Trot, or her service on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the High School Guidance Advisory Committee, Maureen's impact on Westborough public schools is profound. Maureen champions the effort to renovate and expand the cherished Westborough Public Library as Co-President of the Library Foundation and she helped launch the newly formed Police Foundation. As Treasurer of the Westborough Cultural Council, Maureen works hard to ensure that the community has a robust offering of local cultural events and that we celebrate the arts during the annual Arts in Common festival.

"It was my privilege to nominate Maureen Johnson as a Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women 2020 Commonwealth Heroine," stated Representative Kane. "Maureen is an integral part of the Westborough community and is extensively involved in so many different local initiatives where she makes a substantive and lasting impact. Westborough is fortunate to have Maureen as a committed volunteer and community member and I am proud to highlight her service."

The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don't make the news but make the difference. Thousands of women in every community of the state perform unheralded acts on a daily basis that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live. Commonwealth Heroines use their time, talent, spirit, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others in their community. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators who strive to protect and represent the

interests of seniors, victims of violence, children, immigrants, and other vulnerable populations. They are the glue that keeps a community together.

“I am humbled and honored to become a member of the 2020 class of Commonwealth Heroines and thank Representative Kane and the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women for recognizing me. To put it simply, I do what I do because I can, and it makes me feel good. The Jesuit motto – Men and Women for others – was instilled in me at Boston College. To whom much is given much is expected. We are encouraged to use our gifts and abilities in the service of others, and I enjoy helping people, making an impact, working with others for a cause, or otherwise doing something to improve our community. I surround myself with great people who can work as a team to make an impact,” remarked Commonwealth Heroine Maureen Johnson.

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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