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### **Local Legislators offer support for Shrewsbury home rule petition**

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative Hannah E. Kane (R-Shrewsbury) submitted written testimony to the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight in support of legislation that would convey approximately sixty acres of state land to the Town of Shrewsbury.

The legislation, filed pursuant to a Special Town Meeting vote, would convey land off of Green Street that was once part of the former Grafton State Hospital property. Sen. Moore and Rep. Kane also attended a public hearing held by the Committee on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> where Chairman Jim Kane of the Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen testified in support of the bill.

“I am pleased to have filed legislation to assist with the Town’s efforts to acquire this land,” said Sen. Moore. “The Town has expressed an interest in keeping the natural scenery and wooded landscape of this stretch of land by designating the parcels for purposes of open space.”

“This legislation supports Shrewsbury’s ongoing and judicious effort to preserve valuable open space and agricultural land,” said Rep. Kane. “I am pleased to support this legislation filed by my colleague Senator Moore on behalf of the Town.”

Following the May 6<sup>th</sup> public hearing, the Committee will issue a report recommending that the bill either “ought to pass,” “ought not to pass,” be subject to further study or discharged to another committee. The status of the bill (S1693) may be tracked online by visiting the Legislature’s website [www.malegislature.gov](http://www.malegislature.gov).

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