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**Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen Renamed to Select Board**

(SHREWSBURY – 09/15/2022) - The Massachusetts Legislature on Monday passed a bill to rename the Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen to the Shrewsbury Select Board. The legislation was filed by Senator Michael Moore and Representative Hannah Kane, as a result of a Home Rule petition.

“Outdated language in our government can have a real effect on peoples’ perception of who is in charge and whether their institutions are working with their best interests in mind,” said **Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury)**. “I’m happy to have joined with Representative Hannah Kane to put forward this legislation on behalf of the people of Shrewsbury. By renaming the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board, Shrewsbury is making its government a more welcoming and inclusive place for people of all walks of life who want to get involved in their town’s leadership.”

“I am so pleased to see this legislation passed as the terminology is much more representative of the fact that both men and women have served and continue to serve in elected capacity on the Shrewsbury Select Board,” **Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury)** said. “Senator Moore and I worked together to quickly advance this home rule petition through the legislature, and I look forward to it being signed into law.”

An article approving the change to the Board of Selectmen’s name to the Select Board, and the name of members to Select Board Members, was passed at Shrewsbury’s annual town meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. At their June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board unanimously voted to file a petition with the state legislature. Following the passage of Senator Moore and Representative Kane’s bill on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the legislation is laid before Governor Charlie Baker, who is expected to sign it in the coming days.

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