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**Kim Pettingill-Long of Shrewsbury named
a 2020 Commonwealth Heroine**

*Nominated by Senator Moore and Representative Kane, Ms. Pettingill-Long
honored by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women*

Kim Pettingill-Long of Shrewsbury was honored as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2020 class of Commonwealth Heroines. Representative Kane (R – Shrewsbury) joined with Senator Moore (D-Millbury) to recommend Kim for this recognition because of her significant community contributions in Shrewsbury and her leadership role in gun safety and gun control reform. Kim was honored with the other Commonwealth Heroines in a virtual event celebrating the seventeenth-annual Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2020 on June 24, 2020. The video recording of the ceremony can be viewed on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MassCSW>.

"Kim has clearly exhibited over many years a genuine commitment to improving the lives of those in our community and beyond. Having served together on the SYFS board, I know first-hand her passionate advocacy and I am so pleased to see her honored as a Commonwealth Heroine, an award that perfectly encapsulates her giving spirit," remarked Representative Kane.

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.

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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