



## *SPIRIT OF SHREWSBURY FALL FESTIVAL*

### LAURIE I. HOGAN – 2017 GRAND MARSHAL

Laurie's early beginnings in Shrewsbury started in 1972 when she and her former husband purchased their first home. She has two children, Lisa Judkins and Paul Lindberg, four step children, Michael, Tom, Megan and Mary Hogan and three grandsons. Laurie and her husband Matt have been married for 18 years. In 1985, she returned to college to complete her BA degree in Business Administration, graduating from Worcester State College in 1992.

One of the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Committee's criteria for Grand Marshal candidates is to show a record of volunteer community service. When her children were young, Laurie was a Girl Scout leader and Girl Scout Cookie Chairman for Shrewsbury and the surrounding towns, Paton School PTO President, and a Vacation Bible School teacher. In later years, she served as President of the Shrewsbury Garden Club.



Laurie Hogan is a woman who exemplifies the true spirit of what it means to be a volunteer. In 1983, Laurie joined the League of Women Voters (LWV) and as a new member of LWV Observer Corp, observed the Shrewsbury Housing Authority. She became President of the LWV in the late 1980's and she was Voter Service Chair for many years when she organized Annual LWV Candidates Nights. In 1988 Laurie joined the Shrewsbury Media Connection (SMC) and became a community producer for LWV shows and the weekly Board of Selectmen meetings. In 1990, she was appointed to the Cable Advisory Board by Selectmen and in 1993 was elected chairman of the newly created SMC Advisory Board. In 2001-2003, she was employed as

the Government Access Channel Coordinator for SMC.

Participating in town government is a great part of Laurie's life. She has been a Town Meeting Member for over 30 years and in 1984 was elected as a Commissioner for the Shrewsbury Housing Authority. From 1993-2000, she was a member of the Board of Selectmen and chair 1996-97. The Shrewsbury Public Library became her primary volunteer focus when she was elected in 2006 to the Board of Library Trustees, serving as chair from 2009-17. Laurie led the Shrewsbury Library Prop 2 ½ Voter Campaigns in 2011 and 2013 and was the Campaign Manager for the Shrewsbury Library Capital Campaign which raised \$1.75M for the new library. The new Shrewsbury Library is one of her proudest accomplishments. In 2017, Laurie and Matt received the Harry S. Cutting Jr. Award for their significant contributions to the town. The award was established in 1990 to honor those who go above and beyond in their efforts to make a difference in their community and embody the spirit of Cutting, a noted philanthropist and library trustee for many years.

Congratulations to Laurie I. Hogan, the 2017 Grand Marshal of the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew