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RE: Racism is a Public Health Issue in Shrewsbury

Dear Shrewsbury residents:

At the November 20, 2020 Shrewsbury Board of Health meeting, the topic of racism within the Town of Shrewsbury was discussed. The Board acknowledges that racism is a public health issue of importance and recognizes discrimination, social and health inequities as a very visible and important public health issue. The Board does not condone racism, hate, or discrimination in any form and is committed in supporting the Shrewsbury community in ending these injustices. The Board understands that they have a role and a responsibility in this effort and would like to foster the fundamental rights for all individuals within the Shrewsbury community. The Board would also like to acknowledge that since the onset of COVID-19, there are additional concerns with certain communities and people of color who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

The Board will continue to participate in spaces where working groups have been previously formed and discuss necessary steps to end these disparities. It's paramount to have mutual respect, value each other's opinions, and listen to those who have experienced those inequalities. This is an opportune time to unify.

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