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PHILLIPSTON ADDED TO TEMPLETON DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER REUSE COMMITTEE

BOSTON - **State Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** has announced that Governor Baker has signed into law legislation she filed that adds the Town of Phillipston to the Templeton Developmental Center Reuse Committee.

“I was glad to partner with the community to get this legislation passed,” said Gobi. “It is imperative moving forward that the communities most affected by the closing of the Templeton Developmental Center have the most input as to what the future holds for the site of the most beautiful pieces of property in the region.”

The Re-use Committee was established by Chapter 59 of the Acts of 2009 and is tasked with determining and implementing the future use of the Templeton Developmental Center land. Under the act, members of the TDC committee include: three representatives from the Town of Templeton (one being a member of the board of selectmen, one being a member of the planning board and one chosen by the board of selectmen), one representative of the community preservation committee, one representative of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, one representative of the department of developmental services, and one representative of the legal guardians of the clients housed at the Templeton Developmental Center.

The legislation filed by Senator Gobi adds four representatives from the Town of Phillipston (one being a member of the board of selectmen, one being a member of the planning board, one being a member of the open space committee and one being a representative of the Phillipston Fire Department).

Representatives from the Town of Phillipston were added because part of the developmental center land is located in Phillipston, so any determinations on the re-use of the land or facilities would directly affect the town.

In 2009, Governor Deval Patrick announced the planned closure of the Templeton Developmental Center along with the Monson Developmental Center and the Glavin Regional Center.

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