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**SECRETARY GALVIN TO PRESENT 2013 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD TO  
WALTER HOEG OF KINGSTON**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announces the selection of Walter Hoeg to receive a 2013 Massachusetts Historical Commission Local Preservationist Award.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is proud to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of this year’s awardees,” said Secretary Galvin. “The projects the Commission is recognizing this year are particularly diverse and represent the many creative ways that significant historic resources are being preserved across the Commonwealth. Kingston is fortunate to have Mr. Hoeg working tirelessly to protect and promote awareness of the town’s historic buildings and structures.”

Walter Wales Hoeg has been a community volunteer for more than 20 years in several South Shore communities, and has worked tirelessly for historic preservation in Kingston for the last 21 years. Mr. Hoeg was appointed as a member to the Kingston Historical Commission in 1992, and served later as its Secretary and its Chair; he is now the Historical Commission’s Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Hoeg has always been the first to walk historic properties or review documents. With the Historical Commission, Mr. Hoeg has assisted with a comprehensive survey that documented more than 300 properties in Kingston, the creation of a demolition delay bylaw, and the development of a historic walking tour of Kingston, and he was instrumental in the rescue and relocation of the historic Town Powder House. Mr. Hoeg has also assisted in developing and implementing the town’s Scenic Roads Program, and in drafting and acquiring the preservation grant for an archaeological reconnaissance survey of the town. He was instrumental in convincing MassDOT to preserve the truss sides of the 1889 Elm Street Bridge, which is currently being replaced under the Commonwealth’s accelerated bridge program. Mr. Hoeg works as a liaison with town officials on Historical Commission matters, making himself accessible to provide a seamless flow of information between town departments and the Commission. Even while hospitalized for illness in 2008, Mr. Hoeg kept himself informed of projects and activities before the Commission, and went back to work as soon as he was able. Mr. Hoeg is also a member of the Jones River Village Historical Society, a group of individuals who are very active in the preservation of the town’s history. A Marine Corps veteran and retired Naval officer, Mr. Hoeg has also volunteered as a high school wrestling coach and tutor. He is held in the highest regard in the community and beyond, and has shown stalwart dedication to all matters related to historic preservation.

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year of MHC’s Preservation Awards program. Projects are considered annually for awards in the categories of Rehabilitation and Restoration, Adaptive Reuse, Education and Outreach, Archaeology, Stewardship, and Landscape Preservation. Individuals are considered in the categories of Individual Lifetime Achievement and Local Preservationist. Secretary Galvin serves as the chair of the 17-member Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Secretary Galvin will present the awards at an afternoon ceremony on May 25, 2011, at the Massachusetts Archives Building at 220 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Walter Hoeg is one of 12 individuals, projects, and organizations to be honored.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission's programs ([www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc)).

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