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**SECRETARY GALVIN TO PRESENT 2011 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD TO
ALAN MAYO OF TEMPLETON**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announces the selection of Alan Mayo to receive a 2011 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. Templeton is fortunate to have Mr. Mayo caring for the town’s municipally owned historic sites and helping the Cemetery and Parks Department to go above and beyond in its quest to preserve these resources.”

First hired as the Templeton Cemetery and Parks Department foreman in 1986, Alan Mayo has served as the Cemetery and Parks Superintendent since 1990, and during this time has fostered the preservation of the town’s historic sites, including Pine Grove and Greenlawn cemeteries and Templeton Common. Mr. Mayo has worked on projects to preserve and restore many of the town’s historic treasures, and has also advanced the ways in which the Cemetery and Parks Department addresses its historic landscapes. Prior to 1990, the department performed minor repairs to stones, monuments, and structures. Since Mr. Mayo’s appointment to the position of superintendent, the department has completed many stone restoration projects, following the Association for Gravestone Studies (AGS) standards. In 2000, Mr. Mayo successfully applied for a Department of Environmental Management grant for emergency tree stabilization and the development of a preservation plan for the Common Burial Ground. This was the first grant the town had ever received for historic preservation purposes, and with it Mr. Mayo changed the way the town approached the stewardship of its historic resources. Mr. Mayo subsequently obtained additional grant support for preservation from various organizations. In promoting municipal preservation efforts, Mr. Mayo has served on the Templeton Common Improvement Committee, the Templeton Burial Ground Committee, and the World War I Preservation Committee. From 2007 to 2009, he also served on the Building Committee for the Restoration and Preservation of the First Church on Templeton Common.

This is the 33rd 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. Alan Mayo is one of 9 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).

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