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REVERE CITY HALL AND POLICE STATION APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Revere City Hall and Police Station for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its September 14, 2011, meeting. The nomination will be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Revere City Hall and Police Station in the National Register will recognize these important reflections of the city’s history.”

Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, sits on a parcel that also encompasses the presently unoccupied Revere Police Station at 23 Pleasant Street. Built in 1897-1898, the red-brick city hall was designed by the Boston architectural firm Greenleaf and Cobb in the Colonial Revival style, with classical elements such as ionic columns, pilasters, and the distinctive belfry. In addition to housing local government and municipal offices, the city hall was also constructed to serve as a memorial to the great American patriot, Paul Revere. A bust sculpted by Cyrus Cobb still occupies a prominent position opposite the building’s main entrance, and the auditorium’s stage holds monumental seven-by-ten-foot paintings depicting Paul Revere’s role as a revolutionary. Revere City Hall is still the seat of local government; the building underwent a major exterior rehabilitation in the late 1990s. The red-brick, Colonial Revival-style Revere Police Station, built in 1909, was designed by the Boston architectural firm Hurd and Gore to complement the city hall. The building was occupied by the Revere Police Department for almost 100 years, until the force vacated the premises more than 5 years ago. Together, the two buildings are architecturally and historically significant landmarks at the southern end of Revere’s commercial center.

The Revere City Hall and Police Station property is one of 7 historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting.

Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are over 70,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

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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