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COVE STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT IN DUXBURY APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Cove Street Historic District in Duxbury for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its March 13, 2019 meeting. The nomination will now be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service 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. “The Cove Street Historic District is a small but important collection of 18th- and 19th-century houses in Duxbury. Their nomination to the National Register emphasizes the rich architectural and social history of the neighborhood.”

The district is one of six historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting. Galvin serves as chair of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times per year.

The Cove Street Historic District is a small collection of well-preserved 18th- and 19th-century houses that are representative of the growth and development of the town as a shipbuilding center and later as a summer resort. It contains a collection of vernacular Federal, Greek Revival, and Italianate-style houses, as well as a few formerly non-residential buildings converted into houses in the early 20th century.

Located just north of the Old Shipbuilders Historic District and listed in the National Register in 1986, it was developed as housing for working-class families during the 19th century.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 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.



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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. Additional information about the Commission's programs may be found at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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