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**DUDLEY HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT IN DUDLEY
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 Dudley Hill Historic District in Dudley for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its meeting on September 11, 2019. The nomination will now 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 Dudley Hill Historic District emphasizes the importance of the oldest village in the town of Dudley.” Dudley Hill Historic District is one of seven historic places 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.

Dudley Hill Historic District is primarily a linear village, encompassing two blocks of a Colonial-era hilltop road. It has served as the religious, administrative, and social center of Dudley since 1732 and includes intact landscapes and buildings from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. The oldest extant building in the district is the William and Mary Carter House from 1726. The Conant Memorial Congregational Church on the town common is especially notable for being a fine example of Romanesque Revival, with a number of Tiffany windows.

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.

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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