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**GOSHEN TOWN HALL 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 Goshen Town Hall for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its June 13, 2018 meeting. 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 Goshen’s Town Hall in the National Register helps to raise awareness of the historic importance of this building at the center of this hilltown community.”

Goshen Town Hall is one of nine historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s 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.

Goshen Town Hall was built between 1909 and 1911 to the designs of Holyoke architect William J. Howes, using locally gathered stone as the primary building material. Since its completion it has been the most prominent building in the village center and has served a community center ever since. It still serves as the town hall as well as the public library and remains a vital community asset.

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

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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. More information about the Commission's programs may be found at [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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