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To: President and Members of the
City Council

From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor

Date: January 9, 2023

Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval the following named individual as a member of the Historical Commission. This term will expire on February 1, 2026.

Christopher Sawtelle
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November 28, 2022

Mayor Sean Reardon

Newburyport City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
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Dear Mayor Reardon,

I write today to express my interest in becoming a member of Newburyport's Historic Commission. I would consider it a privilege to be nominated.

I have lived in Newburyport since 1974, went to The Kelley School, Nock Middle School, and graduated Newburyport High School in 1986. I now own a home on Summer Street, with my wife Jennifer, and my three children, Benjamin 9 yrs, Isaac 7 yrs, and Julia 5 yrs.

My family moved from a beautiful first period house in Ipswich, Ma. to Newburyport in search of an old home to restore. We first lived on 23 Lime Street where she completed a basic restoration herself. We later moved to 19 Summer Street, and began another restoration project. I grew up in 17th and 18th century homes in various states of restoration. This was the base of my passion and appreciation of old homes. Now I have my own project of restoring a home from 1762 on Summer Street.

As I wrote, I've been in Newburyport since the early days of its redevelopment. I've witnessed historic homes return to their original beauty. It was done by people, not developers, who had a passion for preserving the city's architecture. They did the research, and they did the work. They contributed immensely to Newburyport's historic preservation. The next generation is moving into these homes, and I believe in the importance of conservation of the city's architectural history.

Sincerely,

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EXPERIENCE

Motion Pictures, Studio Mechanic IATSE 481, New England — *Leadman/Set Dresser/ SFX*

2005- PRESENT

I decorate movie sets, as well as a member of The Special Effects Team. I've worked on approximately 50 television shows and movies. Three of which have won Academy Awards.

The Rockfish, Newburyport — Head Chef

2001 - 2005

Responsible for daily kitchen operations and menu design..

Norratull, Gavle, Sweden — *Antique Broker*

1989-1994

Located and secured antique items. Procured museum visas and packed shipping containers to the United States.

EDUCATION

Mass Art, Boston

1987-1998

Majorred in Graphic Design and minors in drawing and blacksmithing.

Newburyport High School, Newburyport — *HS Diploma*

1984-1986

Teachers assistant Graphic Arts Dept. Wrote a student text book about Newburyport architecture for extra credit.

PROJECTS

29 Summer Street — *Home Restoration*

Returning my home to its 1762 appearance, investigations into its deed history, returning the details which were removed by the previous owner.

SKILLS

Graphic Design

Movie Set Decorations

Carpentry

Osha 10

AWP Certified

Hotworks Certified

AWARDS

Set Decorators Society of
America

Nomination for BEST
ACHIEVEMENT IN
DECOR/DESIGN IN A
CONTEMPORARY FILM

SOUND OF METAL 2020

LANGUAGES

Swedish