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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: March 8, 2022
Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Planning Board. This term will expire on March 31, 2027.

Richard Yeager
19 Water Street, Apt. 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

February 1, 2022

Mayor Sean Reardon
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Mayor Reardon:

I'm writing to express my interest in being considered for the open position on the Newburyport Planning Board. I'm a resident of Newburyport, having moved to the city in August of 2020.

I believe I have the right credentials and qualifications that meet the expectations needed of serving on the Board. Although I'm a licensed architect, I've been on the "Owner's side" since 2005, working in Facility Management, first at Boston College, and now at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. My current responsibilities include that of being the chief planner for the University and leading the department responsible for the land use, real estate acquisitions, zoning, code assessment and all project planning. This also includes our current Public Private Partnership for an 800 bed undergraduate housing project with an outside developer. I'm trained as a project manager and have had experience in a number of different sectors and project types when I worked in the private sector. I also have served for twelve years, until I stepped down in 2019 as Vice-Chair of the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. I've included my CV and Biography for your review. Please let me know if you require any additional material. I look forward to hearing from you and welcome the opportunity to be interviewed for the opening. It would be an honor to serve of the Planning Board.

Sincerely,



Richard Yeager

Director for Campus Planning and University Architect, University of Massachusetts Amherst

cc. Bonnie Sontag, Chair – Newburyport Planning Board
Rick Taintor, Vice-Chair – Newburyport Planning Board

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Richard A. Yeager, AIA – Professional Background

Richard Yeager has over 30 years of professional experience working as an architect and administrator for university campuses. He has contributed to and managed an extensive number of academic projects, providing a wide array of support; including design, renovation and restoration, master planning, scheduling, and budget development as well as project and construction management. He has a strong background in preservation and extensive experience in the renovation of numerous historic buildings throughout his career.

He is the University of Massachusetts, Amherst's Director for Campus Planning and University Architect in their Facilities & Campus Services Division, and oversees a campus of over 1,450 acres, and 13.4 million gross square feet of space. Yeager leads a Department of architects, designers, programmers, planners and landscape architects. He is responsible for all Master Planning, Studies, Assessments, Space Management, GIS, Real Estate and Project Initiation (both in Planning and Project Implementation).

Previously, he was the Assistant Director of Planning and Design at Boston College and led a design staff that oversaw Boston College's physical campus of over 150 buildings. He was responsible for the design and management of the Annual Capital projects on campus as well as played a critical role in BC's major projects, including architect selection and design oversight. He also had an integral role with the development of Boston College's Comprehensive Master Plan and the development of their Brighton Campus.

In 2007, Yeager was appointed a Commissioner with the Boston Landmarks Commission for the City of Boston; the official agency responsible for the stewardship of Boston's historic buildings, places and neighborhoods. In 2017, he was elected Vice-Chair of the Commission. He also served on its Design Committee as well as its Executive Committee, and numerous other sub-committees. With his departure from Boston, he stepped down from the Commission in 2019.

In 2017, he served on the Boston Society of Architects Harleston Parker Medal Annual Awards Jury, a ten member panel reviewing and determining Boston's Most Beautiful Building.

He has been a member of the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) for over twenty years as well as a member of the Association of University Architects (AUA), and has presented at numerous conferences. He has served as Chair of the Heritage Preservation Committee for the AUA; focused on historic academic buildings, and he co-hosted their National Conference in 2013.

Yeager majored in architecture and received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Virginia and received his Masters of Architecture degree at Yale University. He is also an adjunct faculty member of the Boston Architectural College, where he has been teaching an advanced design studio class for the past ten years.

He also is a father of two adult children who are living in Boston – both are graduates of Boston College.

Richard A. Yeager II, AIA

CURRICULUM VITAE

<i>Registration</i>	Registered Architect in Massachusetts since 1994 (license number 9287) Member of the AIA	
<i>Education</i>	Yale University Master of Architecture 1988-1991	
	University of Virginia Bachelor of Science in Architecture Minor in Architectural History 1983-1987	
<i>Distinction</i>	UMass BRUT: Symposium on Brutalism and the Public University Amherst, MA 2019 – 2022 Lead in creating a Think Tank that has led into a yearlong advocacy and awareness campaign recognizing UMass' Concrete Brutalist Buildings. October 22-23, 2021 - Kick-off Event was a two day Symposium between UMass Amherst and UMass Dartmouth's two campuses, with outside consultant speakers and experts in their field related to Concrete Conservation. Goal was to build advocacy for the preservation of these buildings on both campuses. Served on BSA Harleston Parker Medal Annual Awards Jury – June 2017 thru February 2018 <i>Elected 10 member panel reviewing and determining Boston's Most Beautiful Building</i> Association of University Architects 2007 – Present Served as the Co-Host along with MIT in 2013 for the national annual conference of the AUA. Responsibilities included all logistical planning, on-site needs, coordinating work responsibilities among core committee members, production of maps, program book and numerous hand-outs. Served on Programming Committee for 2010 national annual conference of the AUA, held at Johns Hopkins University. Served on Programming Committee for 2018 national annual conference held in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania. Chaired the Heritage Preservation Committee of the AUA from 2014 - 2018. A 26 member committee focusing on preservation of academic buildings and have presented at the national conferences. Currently serve as the AIA – CEU Reporter; I manage the Continuing Education Credits and other professional requirements to support members' ongoing education, certificates and licensure requirements.	
	<i>Recognition</i>	Boston Landmarks Commission Boston, MA 2007 – 2019 Elected to the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) for the City of Boston in 2007 as an alternate, elevated to full status in 2015, and elected to Vice-Chair in September 2017 - 9 member panel <i>The BLC serves as the stewards of Boston's historic buildings, places and neighborhoods.</i> Elected in 2011 to serve on the Design Review committee for the Boston Landmarks Commission – 3 member panel to review design proposals for protected buildings Served on Sub-Committees for Christian Science Monitor Landmark Designation, CITGO Sign Preservation, and Wolbach Building Study with Children's Hospital. Elected in 2015 to the Executive Work Plan Committee. Nominated and successfully landmarked Winthrop-Carter Building in 2016. Served as a Commissioner on the Bay Village Architectural Commission and the Bay State Road / Back Bay West Architectural Conservation District Commission

Richard A. Yeager II, AIA

CURRICULUM VITAE

*Experience
Continued*

- Architect Selection for Annual and Majors projects
- Waterworks – High Service Building Study
- Development of BC's Capital History of its Chestnut Hill Campus (*mapped its history*)

Ayers/Saint/Gross Architects + Planners

Baltimore, MD

2004 – 2005

Split my time as the Business Development officer for the firm, as well as a Project Manager for a number of projects in the Student Life Architectural Studio. Coordinated the firm's objectives for a number of conferences, including SCUP and ALA. Project Management Experience includes:

- Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsberg, Maryland
The Terrace Residence Halls (\$14 million renovation)
- Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
North Residential Village and Greek Housing Master Plan Study
- University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, Maryland
University Center Student Services Feasibility Study

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott

Boston, MA

1996 – 2004

Directly involved in the Education Practice Group as a Project Manager and Business Development Officer. Responsibilities include client contact and research, proposal presentations, construction administration and project architecture with a focus on the planning and programming of Student Life buildings in Higher Education institutions. Proficient at Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, Pagemaker, and Microstation (CADD). Project Management Experience includes:

- The Lovett School, Atlanta, Georgia
*Athletic Feasibility Study, Campus Master Plan, New Middle School Study
New Upper School and Loudermilk Student Activities Center (\$55 million in new construction)*
- Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire
New Campus Dining Commons (\$15 million in new construction)
- Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida
*Cornell Campus Center and Rice Family Bookstore and Café
Campus Master Plan*
- The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, Georgia
Campus Master Plan
- Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, Georgia
Master Plan for Building Roofs
- Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Virginia
Library and Student Center Programming
- Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota
Student Recreation Center Study in association with Brailsford & Dunlavy
- Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Massachusetts
Bardwell Hall Feasibility Study
- Colby College, Waterville, Maine
Campus Master Plan

William Rawn Associates

Boston, MA

1992 – 1996

Worked primarily on buildings in the Higher Education market as well as Concert and Performance Halls. Responsibilities included proposal writing, project coordination, construction administration, and presentations. Project Experience includes: