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To: President and Members of the City Council  
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor  
Date: May 22, 2023  
Subject: Re-Appointment

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

Ronald Thurlow  
28 Hancock Street  
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I have played an active role as a commissioner and below are some examples of this support:

- I lead the effort including the developing, and writing the package for the City's most recent Coast Guard City re-certification. This was a complex 45-page document that I researched, wrote the narrative, and coordinated and tracked obtaining the numerous political endorsements. I then tracked monthly with the Coast Guard Headquarters the review and ultimate approval by the Coast Guard City Approval Board.
- I developed an "Urgent-Emergent" relief process that allows a means and provides a funding source for Coast Guard personnel assigned to Station Merrimack during times of unexpected needs.
- The Commission recognized the high number of Kayak near misses and rescues in the Waterfront and other areas. As an experienced and trained Kayak Guide, I developed a comprehensive Kayak Safety class specific for Newburyport. I have conducted this course several times the last 3 years, through the Newburyport Continuing Education program. The class materials development, delivering the class and follow up support to students has all been a significant amount of time I have volunteered to provide to the City. I also designed Kayaking Safety signage for critical high-risk areas in the river. These efforts have had a positive impact on Kayak safety in Newburyport.
- I also supported the regional dredge efforts including several meetings and assessment input.
- I was the Harbor Commission member assigned to the Ordinance Review Team for the City.

These are a few examples of support I have provided to the Commission. Below are a few items I would like to support going forward:

- Relocation of the Federal Channel at the mouth of the river which will improve safety and save on dredging costs.
- Continuing to champion our Coast Guard City duties for both the local Coasties support and to ensure we are successful at the next recertification cycle.
- Creation of formal mooring and dock gear standards for the City.
- Create a City Spring waterfront fair to support:
  - Waterway Safety
  - Waterway Protection
  - Waterway Enjoyment

Except for my years as an Air Force Captain, I am a lifelong resident of Newburyport and have been on the waterways my whole life. I bring initiative, strong harbor knowledge, sometimes differing challenge, bias for action and value listening to all perspectives in supporting the goals of the Harbor Commission and City.