

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

### 2017 PRIMARY ELECTION- TOWN COUNCIL POSITIONS

Town: Morven

Candidate Name: Susan M. Woodburn

Education: H.S. degree/B.S. Education and Physical Education and a certification in Science

Past & Present Employment/Business Experience:

- 1.) Retired school teacher (30.5 years)
- 2.) Coached volleyball, softball, and basketball while teaching
- 3.) Worked at the Morven Truck Stop through high school and college
- 4.) Worked at Unity Knitting one year

What is your favorite movie and why? The Book of Eli starring Denzel Washington because it shows the struggles and final triumph in a journey of hope for mankind's redemption. What impresses me about the movie it shows that even though we may have to struggle daily, for perhaps years, if we have faith we can overcome any challenge. Life is not easy, but we can work together to make it a better place. Together being the key word. In all honesty; however, there are so many other movies that show the human spirit and resolve at work that I love as well. Such as Grapes of Wrath, 12 Angry Men, How Green Was My Valley, Beaches, and Dances with Wolves. All these movies show people confronting hate and learning to face it with dignity, strength, wisdom, compassion, faith, and love.

Why are you running for office? To improve the quality of life for the citizens of Morven, work on its public image, find ways of spending town funds/monies more efficiently, and to streamline and improve the duties/responsibilities of town personnel.

What have you done to prepare for election to town council and how will you conduct yourself if elected? I have been reviewing and studying my personal notes and copies of council minutes during my previous tenure, refreshing myself on parliamentary law, speaking to citizens for their input and advice, and attending some of the recent town council meetings. If elected, I will do my best to conduct myself in a professional manner...listening to all sides before making decisions and following the laws of our town, county, state, and federal government.

As a council member, what are three actions you would support to strengthen small business and entrepreneurship in your town?

- 1.) Help small businesses apply and receive grants that may be available to them.
- 2.) Work to improve the security of the buildings and structures of our town.
- 3.) Work on increasing collection of taxes and other revenue to maintain and promote our future, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

What do you believe is the greatest economic challenge facing your town and what would be your approach to address it? Continuing high sewer rates is a concern for the majority of our citizens. It affects almost everyone's household budget in Morven. I would strive to investigate all reasons and possibilities for these rates and work with other council members to bring down these costs as much as possible.

Do you believe town government should weigh in on labor and industry issues? I consider that to be a state and federal issue which will determine decisions that will be made.

Would you support an effort to create a strategic plan that would bring government, business and the public together to create a shared vision and collectively develop a roadmap to pursue and capture growth as a community? Why or why not? Yes. Greater growth and benefits for everyone in our county, including the Town of Morven, is easier to obtain if we work together to improve the quality of life for both the residents of our county and all of its communities.

If elected, how do you see yourself, town council and town staff working with the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses to advance community and business development in Anson County? By staying abreast of new developments through the Chamber of Commerce I will be able to help increase our chances of meeting the needs, concerns, and challenges that the future holds for us all.