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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR BETHEL TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Neighbor,

I'm sorry I missed you at the **Meet the Candidates Forum**. While I couldn't be there in person, I want to introduce myself and share **why I'm running for Bethel Town Council**. I know your time is valuable, but I would be honored if you took just a few minutes to read this. *If you prefer to listen, see QR Code on back.*

My name is Nicole Newick. I'm a **mother of two children** who attend our local public school, and I've been proud to call **Bethel home for the past 13 years**. My husband and I own **two successful Bethel-based businesses**. We live in Mongaup Valley, just down the road from Valley Daycare, the childcare center I own and operate.

As a business owner, I've built skills that I believe would benefit our town—**securing grants, managing complex workloads, and making thoughtful decisions that have immediate and long-term impacts**. I'm also a board member of the **Bethel Business Association**. Over the years, I've served on several local boards and committees, including the Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County and the Bethel Healthy Community Committee. I've worked with various steering groups to support **initiatives that strengthen our community**.

One example of this was my work with fellow community members to **advocate for the reopening of the Duggan School** in 2018. Had the vote passed, it could have negatively impacted my childcare business but I supported it anyway—because I believed it was **the right decision for our children's future and our community's long-term health**. Although the bond ultimately did not pass, I stood firmly for what I believed was best for Bethel. At the time, I was quoted in the Sullivan County Democrat as saying, "I had sincerely hoped the community as a whole would look to the future and make the decision to invest in our children. They did not."

I will always **choose what's best for our community**. I promise to bring that kind of leadership to the Town Council.

The greatest obstacle to Bethel's future prosperity is its **stagnation**—too little movement forward, too little visionary planning. We cannot continue to tread water without a **clear plan** addressing our **present challenges and long-term goals**.

Opportunities are available to us right now—but we need leaders willing to pursue them.

Smallwood Mountain Lake is facing water quality issues, yet stands without clear guidance from the town on how to address them. The Regional Economic Development Council offers funding programs and grant monies for **Water Quality Improvement Projects, Local Waterfront Revitalization, and Storm Sewer System Mapping grants**. Our Town Council should be actively **exploring these solutions—and I'm prepared to do that work**.

Similarly, the **Hamlet of Smallwood is eligible for National Register of Historic Places nomination**. That's not just a cultural opportunity—**it's an economic one**. Historic recognition can boost tourism, create jobs, increase property values, and unlock **tax credits and funding for property owners**. Of course, it also comes with concerns, like renovation costs and preservation requirements. This conversation must be opened with **robust community engagement**—through **workshops, public forums, and surveys**, utilizing **in-person and digital platforms**—to ensure all perspectives are heard and respected.

This kind of **proactive communication and planning** requires someone who is both **tech-savvy and community-oriented**. In my day-to-day work, I manage **digital communications**, research funding sources, and seek out stakeholder input. **I know how to move ideas into action**—and I believe that's precisely what Bethel needs.

I'm running for **Bethel Town Council as an independent candidate**—not endorsed by Republican or Democratic committees. It's time **we look beyond party lines** and support leaders focused on our **local needs**—leaders who will **work hard, listen carefully, and serve with integrity**.

My campaign is rooted in service, not partisanship. I want to help **fix our infrastructure, support working families, protect the beauty of our environment, and foster smart, sustainable economic growth**. My independence allows me to focus on **real solutions over party politics—collaboration instead of division, and people instead of slogans**.

If you vote for me, you're choosing someone who will **work hard to represent you—your voice, needs, and hopes for Bethel's future**. Thank you for considering me, and thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



Nicole Newick



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