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1 Ellis-Thurber: energy for taking on tough town issues

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 Amanda Ellis-Thurber started on the Selectboard a year
5 ago and brought with her a history rooted in this town. She and
6 her husband, Ross, have operated the Thurber family's dairy farm,
7 along with Ross's parents, and their children were raised here.

8 She has been involved with many local organizations
9 and knew many of her constituents already and certainly was up
10 to date on m the complex issues here. Since joining the board,

11 she has been an active participant in meetings with a thoughtful
12 and respectful voice.

13 Amanda has taken risks to put forth potential solutions
14 that were voted down, in the end, but still worth discussing as we
15 need different opinions to solve the issues here.

16 I have also been impressed with her energy and the way
17 she has voluntarily taken on some town issues. When the town
18 stopped leaf pick-up this fall, she and board member Isaac Evans-
19 Frantz voluntarily got some pickup trucks and a group of
20 volunteers and spent several Saturdays collecting leaf bags for
21 residents who had no way to get them to the dump.

22 Last fall, when Hinsdale was upset about the debris on
23 the former bridges to New Hampshire, Amanda volunteered with
24 others to clean it up. Realizing what a wonderful recreation
25 resource these bridges will be when restored, she has voted for
26 the Selectboard to continue negotiating with Hinsdale to find a
27 solution.

28 And this winter, she has been volunteering at the
29 Beloved Community temporary overnight shelter for the
30 homeless. Her educational background as a mental health
31 counselor gives her the training to listen respectfully to people of
32 many backgrounds and will continue to help create a positive
33 atmosphere at Selectboard meetings.

34 I hope you will join me in supporting Amanda for a
35 three-year term in this election.

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