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My husband and I were married out here December 1st 1989 down at the church by one of our own, Bob Menlove. A year and a half later we were given the opportunity to build out here and we took it. We moved in with Linda and Dennis so my husband could be close to be able to work on the house. He worked all day and would come home and would work on the house at night. We moved in on January 1st, 1991. He had our home complete in his 6 month Time frame but... he did cut some corners to accomplish this feat. Like not putting a light in my pantry, not finishing my laundry room, or putting his shower in the master bathroom. Over the 33 ½ years we have lived here my husband has completed one of the three corners he cut but... if you asked him he has completed all three. His shower completed, a flashlight by the pantry door and he spray painted Janas room on my unfinished laundry room wall. I have always felt like that was my room because of that gesture. We raised three amazing girls out here and have been blessed with 9 grandchildren so far. Two weeks ago, my electrician husband finally put a motion sensor light in my pantry. I of course said, of my gosh, thank you so much for finally putting a light in. Him, without missing a beat, said "they didn't have them back then" I responded, they didn't have pantry lights? He said not this one. I can't argue that. Now I just stand at the door of my kitchen pantry and think wow this isn't a pantry but actually a very small closet.

I have worked as an accounts manager and office manager for the past 12 years. I am very well versed at managing money, paying bills, figuring out costs, figuring out yearly costs, payment plans, anything to do with numbers.

My job requires me to explain, talk through things with happy and unhappy people daily. Scheduling, planning, looking into anything that needs a solution for. I am good at what I do and I love the challenge of learning new things. I am amazing at doing research on pretty much anything.

I realize I don't look the part of what this town is mostly accustomed to seeing but I am intelligent, hard working, and have a huge heart, mostly for animals and my lil people.

I am a problem solver for fixing things that some would just throw away or give up on, like a lava lamp that won't lava any more, a clock that stops working, my grandchild's favorite car that won't wind up anymore, Or an

animal that is sick or has been hurt. I will take it apart and rebuild it or if it's an animal I will doctor it until it mends. And then I have to keep it because I am too attached to it. These are my qualifications

I realize we will see some growth because as a town we will need revenue to support the town without it falling back on our taxes being too expensive to be able to have land with fields, horses, cattle, farm land, but I would like us to try our best to find solutions to keep our way of living as close to the same as it has been.

I am willing to put in the work and time to protect where some have lived for generations. We are fifth generation and our kids, who were raised out here are 6th, and I would like to see those generations continue. I would like to see my kids have the opportunity to one day build out here. That's the only way we would ever allow houses up behind us but, I would like to see them have that choice in the future.

I work well with others, I'm not a person that it's my way or no way. I am a person that will see and listen to the ideas and opinions of all of us and try to help come up with the best solutions, while giving them answers as to why it was the best solution or route to take.

I would like to see this town stay united and honest about the decisions the council is making, with a common goal of doing our best to preserve this small piece of heaven that is lodged between to fastly growing towns.

The first night I spent out here I remember hearing chirping all night long. I went to my husband that morning and I said " I don't think I can do this, I am pregnant, I need my sleep, I was kept up all night by chirping" my husband laughed and explained to me that they were crickets, a lot of crickets and I just needed to give this a chance...

The quiet, not hearing cars going by all the time, listening to the different kinds of birds during the spring through fall and the few that stick around through winter. Having deer that will come down and sit in my yard, I had one that came into the safety of my yard to give birth, it was amazing to see... The problem we had was figuring out how to get the baby out with mamma safely but we did it. This is the lifestyle I want to see remain in the future of Spring Lake...