

ally meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next regular meeting is scheduled

for March 16. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to

download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttown-co.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

Allison Robenstein can be reached at allisonrobenstein@ocn.me.

Monument candidates' statements

Three Monument Board of Trustees positions are open for re-election. Ballots will be mailed mid- to late March and are due April 7. Voters may return their ballots by mail, drop them off at the ballot box outside the Town Hall at 645 Beacon Lite Road, or, on election day only, personally deliver ballots to the Town Hall. Call 719-481-2954 for information. See <http://townofmonument.org/458/Do-I-Live-In-Monument> to determine if you live within Monument boundaries.

The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce will host a Monument candidates forum on Tuesday, March 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chamber, 166

Second St., Monument.

Listed alphabetically with their email addresses, the five candidates for the three open positions are:

- **Ann Howe**, AnnHoweCO@comcast.net
- **Mitch LaKind**, Mitch@monumentmitch.com
- **Jim Romanello**, topjimmy@q.com
- **Allison Thompson**, conservative-mom@reagan.com
- **Jamy Unruh**, jamy.douvier3@gmail.com

The following statements are candidates' responses to two questions posed by *Our Community News*:

1. *What in your background would help you as a Town of Monument trustee?*
2. *What do you think are the two greatest issues facing the town, and what solutions would you propose?*

Ann Howe

My platform emphasizes water, community safety, and budget accountability and transparency. I am a former New Hampshire state representative, Town Budget Committee vice chair, and have over 30 years of professional

experience in cost accounting, auditing, and as part of the Executive Leadership team as a risk and opportunity manager (overseeing \$218 million in risk). My past professional and elected official experience, coupled with current established relationships with local officials, will enable me to come up to speed quickly to work for you.

I believe once these issues are resolved, the town will thrive, businesses will flock to Monument, and we can shape its growth.

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