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expenditures for outside plant and central office equipment of $7,165,000 plus the $5,376,300 difference between the 1988 central office equipment capital budgets and actual expenditures for the 20 wire centers with the highest number of trouble reports that year, according to Mr. Kowalski.

Winsted Board Votes To Ban Styrofoam

By RUFUS KLINE

WINSTED—The Board of Selectmen on Monday voted 6 to 1 to approve an ordinance prohibiting the use of Styrofoam by restaurants and food vendors in town, effective Oct. 1.

In doing so, they rejected a version of the new law drafted by town attorney Stephen Allaire, and accepted the wording of the proposed ordinance originally suggested by former community advocate attorney Ellen Thomas.

"It eviscerates the ordinance as it is written," said Ms. Thomas's replacement Charlene La Voie, of Mr. Allaire's version. She said the town attorney's version would allow establishments to be exempt from the rule if they can show they are making an effort to recycle the material.

Ms. La Voie said that provision duplicates the language in a newly proposed state statute that is soon to cross the Governor's desk, either to be signed or vetoed. This might prevent a clash with the state, but "to add that at this point is to take the state's position lying down," Ms. La Voie said.

One key issue concerns the concept of home rule, which means municipalities are free to have more stringent standards than those laid down by the state, she noted.

Selectman John Gauger said he was worried about the legal costs the town could incur if the state challenges the town's action, but Ms. La Voie said that residents could decide whether to fight the issue or not when it comes up in an actual court case—and this might never happen.

"It's not an issue until it's an issue," she said.

Mr. McCabe cast the lone dissenting vote, saying he would prefer to see another draft of the measure by the town attorney before he made a decision.