

Bitterness, anger follow firin

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WINSTED — The day after the controversial firing of Town Manager Wayne W. Dove, the smoke cleared and the anger of Monday night subsided, giving way to hurt feelings and bitter accusations.

"No one should have to live through what went on last night," Selectman Nancy P. Habbal said yesterday. "Just because you have elected us doesn't give you the right to swear at us and call

Mayor William H. McCabe has shaken plenty up in his first two weeks in office. Page 15

us names and treat us like we are nothing."

Habbal was among the four board members who voted to fire Dove despite the protests of 150 residents who at times shouted in protest.

Her vote Monday prompted harassing phone calls yesterday and a general response from the town

she called "disgraceful."

However, some were willing to say that the selectmen earned all the abuse they received.

"Their minds were made up before the meeting last night," Ruth Wheeler, a local resident, said. "If 500 people spoke last night it would not have changed their minds, and that is why I feel there are dirty dealings going on here."

Even selectmen were disgusted by the process. "I can't believe elected officials can be so unre-