

Selectmen stand by firing

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WINSTED — Residents who screamed at selectmen Monday night for firing Town Manager Wayne W. Dove mobilized yesterday to find some way to overturn the action.

But the four selectmen responsible for the firing said their votes would not be swayed by any public outcry — no matter how loud it gets.

"The behavior of that crowd

cemented my decision," said Selectman Nancy P. Habbal, one of the four to vote against Dove. "They blew the opportunity to turn the whole thing around."

No matter what selectmen say, residents are searching for a way to change the vote.

Selectman Brian Sullivan, a loyal Dove supporter, filed an Ethics Commission complaint charging Republican Selectman Francis J. O'Neill Jr. with violating the town's rules governing the

ethics of town officials.

If the complaint is upheld, Dove might get his job back.

Because the \$10,000 police retirement package O'Neill was granted by the town is being challenged by a town resident in Litchfield Superior Court, O'Neill has a monetary interest in Dove's status, Sullivan claims. Dove opposed the package.

"The testimony of the Town

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