

# Poll: Selectmen's firing of Dove is wrong

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WINSTED — A poll taken last night during a rebroadcast of the Nov. 18 selectmen's meeting, where former town manager Wayne W. Dove was fired shows that a majority of residents are upset by that decision.

About 350 people called to answer three questions about the firing of Dove during a rebroadcast of the selectmen's meeting on Pegasus Cable's public access Channel 13 Mad River TV.

Pegasus serves about 6,500

subscribers in Winsted, Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Goshen, Harwinton, and New Hartford.

In response to the first question, which asked if people agree with the selectmen's decision to fire Dove, 307 answered no and 36 said they agree with the selectmen's action.

In response to the second question, which asked viewers if they would have voted differently in the Nov. 5 election if they had known their elected representatives would have fired Dove, about 85 percent, or 299, said

there would be a new Board of Selectmen. Fifty said they would not have voted differently.

In response to the third question, which tackled the issue of Mayor William H. McCabe's decision to set the agenda of the selectmen's meetings, about 90 percent, or 310, disagreed with McCabe's decision. Only 32 agreed with McCabe.

Previously any member of the board could place something on the agenda. McCabe said he will

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post the agenda.

There were seven volunteers from the new group, Citizens Coalition for Open Government, answering the telephones and asking

the questions.

Jamie Scrimgeour, an associate at the community lawyer's office, said the results of the poll clearly show that the residents are upset by the action of the board.

"This poll, without a doubt, shows the people of Winsted were certainly appalled by the behavior of the board," he said. Scrimgeour was one of the organizers of the poll.

Gabrielle LaClaire, also a member of CCOG, said the number of callers was very encouraging.

"It shows that people are really upset about this, not just the ones who were at the meeting," she said.

She pointed out that there was more than a 100 percent increase in participation from the meeting on the 18th, with 150 people attending the meeting and about 350 registering their feelings last night.

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