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**Hearing set Tuesday
on firing of manager**

Selectmen will hold a public hearing Tuesday on the firing of town manager Wayne Dove.

After the hearing, which is expected to draw hundreds of residents, selectmen will vote again to make Dove's firing permanent or to reinstate him.

More than 300 people as of Friday had signed petitions asking for Dove to be rehired, said Charlene LaVoie, a lawyer hired by the Shafcock Nader trust to represent residents.

Four of the seven selectmen voted Nov. 18 to fire Dove as of Dec. 31 and to suspend him from his job as of that night. The selectmen said they had lost confidence in Dove and feared he could not carry out the board's policies.

More than 140 people attended the meeting and some demanded specific reasons for the firing, but selectmen refused to give any. Since then, a drive to have a recall vote on the selectmen has begun, and two residents — David Lannen and Ruth Wheeler — have announced they will run for the board in 1993.

The hearing, guaranteed by charter, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in town hall. But because of the number of people involved, officials said, the hearing will adjourn to the cafeteria of the Isabelle Pearson Middle School, which seats about 250 people.

If the cafeteria is not big enough, officials said they might move the meeting to the school's gym.