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LITCHFIELD — A request to put the firing of Town Manager Wayne W. Dove to a vote of the people is now in the hands of Litchfield Superior Court Judge Anne C. Drauginis.

Drauginis heard arguments yesterday on both sides of a complaint demanding that the Board of Selectmen honor a petition signed by 301 residents who have requested a referendum on the vote to fire Dove by the end of the year.

Attorneys representing the town and the plaintiffs squared off on the issue of whether citizens have the right to question the authority of selectmen in personnel issues.

Suspended Town Manager Wayne W. Dove in three-car accident in Winsted. Story, page 21.

According to the charter, only selectmen can fire the town attorney. But before firing can be executed the board must first state its intention in a separate vote.