

includes the right to fire a town manager. The power of appointment brings with it the power of removal," he said. "There cannot be restriction on removal."

Like Dranginis, he questioned what would happen if a referendum on the firing of Dove was granted. He asked whether the results of that vote would be binding or whether it should be considered only an advisory vote.

In the 20 minutes he spent in front of the court Svonkin, also addressed the distinction the charter makes between a vote of intent to fire and a vote to fire.

"The purpose of a resolution of intent is to give the town manager notice and the public notice for the purposes of a hearing," he said. "It is not intended to give notice to the citizens for the purpose of the challenge."

LaVoie's rebuttal focused on the downplay Svonkin made of the distinction of the vote of intention and the vote to fire. She told the court repeatedly that the distinction

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