

Finger over bill spills over

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WINSTED — A selectmen's meeting last night to set a budget for the town manager search committee turned into a melee over a town attorney's bill.

The meeting exploded into a free-for-all after Selectman Walter D. Miller objected to the town spending any money for the search committee. Miller also protested the town spending about \$10,000 in legal fees over the firing of former town manager Wayne W. Dove.

Mayor William H. McCabe attacked Miller's comments, and accused Miller of being responsible for the lawsuit. Community Lawyer Charlene LaVoie, a

member of the audience, entered the fracas when she yelled that the citizens, not Miller, sued the town. Selectman John P. Ganger Jr. led a chant that Miller did not sue the town.

After the meeting adjourned, the argument continued into the hallway, with Miller pointing a finger at McCabe, and calling him a liar. McCabe shouted that Miller had once charged Dove with a coverup. McCabe also got into an argument with LaVoie over the Dove firing.

The Board of Selectmen has been sharply divided since the firing of Dove last month. Miller, Ganger, and Selectman Brian W. Sullivan banded together over the firing of Dove.