

Come oppose new Winsted day-care funding

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WINSTED — Not everyone is happy with the board of Selectmen's vote Monday to transfer \$12,000 from the 198-89 budget to the Winsted Area Public Day Care Center.

Community Lawyer Charlene LaVoie voiced objections to the decision, claiming last week's referendum on the town budget, where the budget was approved, 923-823, indicates the residents don't want to see any additional spending take place.

"The people spoke on this issue last week and here you have the Board of Selectmen ignoring the will of the people once again," she said yesterday.

The day-care center was granted \$20,000 by the town in the 1982-83 budget, and the \$12,000 was added to compensate it for revenue from the state.

The funds transfer was effective immediately after Monday's vote, Town Finance Manager Henry Centrella said. LaVoie initially voiced doubts

about the decision Monday night, claiming it violated Section 1703 of the town charter. The section specifies that the town must have an appointed representative on any organization to which it contributes over \$500. However, Selectman Nancy P. Hubbel said yesterday that the board did appoint a representative, Julie Hall, to the day-care center board in March.

Hubbel further claims the residents' response to the referendum advisory question, in which 724 said the budget was too high and

not said it was too low, indicates people are not satisfied with the original day-care expenditure.

The center, which has a \$603,000 annual budget, and serves about 55 children, receives 80 percent of its funding through tuition, director Cynthia J. Howard said yesterday.

The vote to transfer \$5,000 from an account for the revision of the town charter and \$7,000 from a claims settlement line item was made Monday in the absence of selectmen John F. Gauger Jr. and Brian W. Sullivan.