

Community Lawyer Office Aided Citizen in Lawsuit Against Selectmen

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The recent drivel that has been spewing from the mouths and pens of those Selectpersons in Winsted, who have blatantly abused and tried to circumvent the Charter in order to manipulate town issues to their own self-interest of questionable politics, must be addressed.

As I have been the plaintiff in an action currently before the court in such a matter, I wish to address the charge that my particular lawsuit is costing the Town money, and that I am a front for other persons, or person. The later is categorically false.

We should all be aware of the fact that these remarks were made from the individual who had violated the Charter in the first place. If these Selectpersons had not violated the Charter by their actions of chicanery, there would have been no need for a lawsuit.

We, as citizens in Winchester, have a unique opportunity to expose such abuses and try to rectify them through the judicial system when all else fails.

The Community Lawyer Project was established for the protection of citizens' rights in our community. In the past, these rights, given to us under the Charter and our Constitution, have been trampled upon by the actions of unscrupulous, unprincipled devious politicians. Tragically, these actions by our politicians have been accepted as the norm for politics, and have caused an epidemic of cynicism toward government and our elected officials, which pervades the nation today.

Those who have assailed Community Lawyer Charlene LaVoie are those who are trying to eradicate the very principles this country was founded upon. The Community Lawyer is an effective guarantee of upholding citizens' rights against the tide of self-serving, arrogant, ineffective, and destructive politicians in our government.