

# And what about the integrity of the 'Fab Four'?

Editor of The Register Citizen:

The "Fab Four" have been in power for a month and find themselves in court. We the taxpayers find ourselves paying the town attorney \$90 per hour to gag our own voices in this town manager fiasco.

Predictably Selectmen McCabe, Habbal, O'Neill and Pettit are trying to make this court case sound like a death knell to the town charter. This is absurd. Just more trickery from these connivers.

This court case is an effort to give the people of Winsted a chance to vote on a very important issue that the "Fab Four" decided on behind closed doors and under extremely questionable circumstances. These four need to keep voters out of having a say or their house of cards falls. They figured on old-line politics and backroom deals to run things as usual with a public-b damned attitude. Once elected, and in a 4-3 majority mode, they simply didn't care what anyone thought because they felt untouchable.

Mayor McCabe states I-alone-will-set-agenda-items-for-meetings passed 4-3. Let's-fire-the-town-manager passed 4-3. Let's-get-our-own-attorney-and-give-him-a-big-raise passed 4-3. What is next to come down with this pure insolence!

Did they listen to hundreds of phone calls, old friends, a town hearing, 1,600 petition signatures, their own consciences — no, they simply do not care about what is good for this town or for what the voters think.

They tell us they are worried about the integrity of the town charter. I think it's time they do a gut check on their own integrity! The "Fab Four" is terrified of a public vote (referendum) on this matter. If a vote should come about, the numbers will be so overwhelmingly against them that it will prove without a doubt that these four have been extremely negligent in their duties as our representatives. Rumor has it already that should a referendum be ordered the "Fab Four" will have Mr. Dove back on the job before a vote ever takes place. Let's see what happens.

Thank God for Ms. LaVoie and the community lawyer's office or this would have been just another "done deal" perpetrated on the citizens of Winsted by political hacks and their cronies. They want only to hide behind the town charter, not defend it! They know how the public feels and are terrified to let the public tell them through the use of the voting booth.

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