

Selectmen meet tonight

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say. And Winsted does not have a strong-mayor form of government, as Hartford and New York City do. The town has a Board of Selectmen form of government, meaning the town manager works for the board, they say.

But LaVoie disagrees. The town charter has always given residents the opportunity to hold a

referendum to oppose the selectmen's intention to fire a town manager.

"It is only when the board loses the confidence of the people that the (referendum) process can, and should, and will get involved," she said. "That is exactly what is going on here."

A petition with 330 signatures requesting a referendum was filed Wednesday.