

# Lawyer files 2nd motion

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WINSTED — The community lawyer has filed a motion in Litchfield Superior Court designed to prevent Winsted's town attorney from calling so-called expert witnesses during a hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

A hearing on Charlene LaVoie's motion is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Town Attorney Mark Svonkin said yesterday.

LaVoie, the community lawyer retained by the Shafeek Nader Trust for the Community Interest, filed the motion Thursday. She could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Svonkin and LaVoie are scheduled to appear in court at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, where Judge Anne C. Dranginis is expected to rule on whether a referendum may decide whether Town Manager Wayne W. Dove keeps his job. LaVoie filed the motion last week asking for a decision on this matter.

Because of differing interpretations of the town charter, LaVoie contends town residents have a right to decide the issue through referendum. Svonkin disagrees, contending the charter specifically grants that authority to the Board of Selectmen.