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## Sherman Wins Lawsuit

ACO Cindy Sherman won an \$8488.18 judgment in Wareham District Court against the Town of Carver for improper denial of medical benefits. Sherman, who was the Animal Control Officer, was improperly denied medical benefits by Rick LaFond during her employment with the town. This judgment could be the first in a string of stinging defeats for the Town of Carver in employment and employment discrimination cases. The Sherman case appears to be a straightforward case of improper and likely politically motivated misapplication of employment rules by Town Administrator LaFond.

Fixcarver.com has learned that probable cause has been found by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in several other cases regarding employment discrimination including Sergeant Mike O'Donnell, Sergeant Sherry Sarmento, Officer Heidi Bassett and Officer Kathleen Engelhart (retired). Also looming is an appeal of a Civil service finding against the Town and in favor of Sergeant

Ray Orr in his long running case. Apparently Frank Casey's bluster that Koppelman and Paige is "batting 1000" is no longer applicable. Carver taxpayers may be forced to revise the budget for legal settlements. Those who told us the legal account was sufficient have been wrong two years in a row and this year doesn't look good as Selectmen seem content to throw good money after bad. Taxpayers should expect yet another last minute withdrawal from the reserve fund to subsidize the chronically under funded legal account.

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