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## Double Dipping Sarah

Public records obtained by Fixcarver.com indicate Selectmen Hewins had 63 ½ accumulated sick and vacation days at the start of the fiscal year. It baffles us why an employee with such a generous allotment of benefit time chose to steal time from the taxpayers. The answer lies in the sloppy and shady way the town tracks the time of its salaried workforce under Rick LaFond. Employees are allowed to sign time sheets that don't properly indicate hours away from the job. Hewins is not alone in abusing taxpayer paid time off. This practice leads to all kind of abuse. Selectmen Angley and others excuse this kind of behavior but don't inform the public of the amount of paid time off that exists within the system. As always Fixcarver is pleased to provide the facts to the public and presents Hewins time sheet as taxpayers exhibit one. We categorically reject the excuse that reading to children is a worthy cause and therefore excuses this unethical behavior. Hewins had an obligation to avoid the appearance of impropriety and properly account for her time. This amounts to misappropriation of almost \$1000 in taxpayers dollars. This is especially true of an employee who has been previously cited for ethics violations (for taking two salaries and required to repay the town without interest). She also was present on a CPA ballot question committee that was not properly registered as a ballot question committee and was present on that committee when fund raising was discussed.

Those who don't bend the law seldom break it. Selectmen Hewins should be required to forfeit an amount of sick time equal to the time that has been misappropriated and future time off should be properly reported. Those who have benefits as generous as hers have an obligation to the taxpayers. If Angley et al doesn't appreciate that concept we do.

### Sarah Attendance

40 hrs      15 days + 4 vac

**DAILY ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Name: Sarah D. Hewins      Department: Non-Rep Conservation Agent      Sick: Balfund 50      Vacation: Balfund 13.5

YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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A = Accident at Work	FI = Family Illness	L = Leave of Absence																													
AH = Accident at Home	H = Holiday	LD = Layoff																													
D = Disciplinary Layoff	I = Illness	P = Personal Reasons																													
FD = Family Death	J = Jury Duty	V = Vacation																													
X = Unknown Cause																															
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