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Rewriting the Rules

School Superintendent Liz Sorrell is seeking to rewrite the Carver Rule after Town Clerk Jeanne McGillicuddy found that state law prohibits non-binding ballot questions except on annual town election ballots in April. Last week Sorrell approached the Mass School Building Authority to change the rules yet again in an effort to ram through an unchanged project that has been rejected twice by town voters.

Rules may be flexible in Carver but Sorrell appeared to be having problems convincing the MSBA to act quickly on her request to lower the bar yet again to suit her failed efforts to revote this project for the third time. Sorrell stated that the MSBA would respond by Friday Oct 15th to her request for clarification of the rules. Fixcarver contacted the MSBA for a copy of their reply and received the following response **“Our rules have not changed, nor am I or anyone on my staff aware of any notice we will be making to Carver this Friday.”**

Sorrell appeared at the Selectmen’s meeting on Tuesday October 12 and was allowed by Chairman Casey to ramble on for thirty minutes. Selectmen Casey was less charitable to Paul Johnson whose request to speak with selectmen during the citizens participation section was met with the following response “I do want to remind you that the time allocation for your request is three minutes” Prior to Sorrells appearance Johnson reminded Casey of the rules and chided him “ I couldn’t help but notice that the Superintendent of Schools is also on your agenda for the meeting tonight. In the interests of fairness I’ll trust that if her remarks are addressing the upcoming non-binding ballot question that she will be limited to the same 3 minute time frame that you imposed on me. In the interest of fairness we should all be held to the same set of rules.” Casey has repeatedly demonstrated that he is incapable of conducting meetings in a fair manner. Selectmen Ward requested that the rules of citizens participation should be reviewed. Perhaps a definition of fairness should be included because it’s missing from Frank Casey’s vocabulary.

In her concluding remarks Katherine Craven of the MSBA said “I think Chairman Frank Casey and Superintendent Elizabeth Sorrell probably can shed more light on what occurred at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting last night.” Fixcarver can shed as much light as those two. Tuesday night represents another attempt to manipulate the rules to cheat their way to victory. Frank Casey and Sorrell are in for a rude awakening.

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