

Agenda

Item #3



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

To: Commission Members

From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
Paul Lavin, Assistant Director

Date: July 16, 2008

Re: Complaint against Geraldine Randall

On June 12, 2008, Eric McVay filed a handwritten complaint against Geraldine Randall, the Republican candidate for House District 13, alleging that Ms. Randall sold wire frames used for political signs to raise money for her campaign. Ms. Randall is a Maine Clean Election Act candidate. On July 3, Valerie Carr-Winocour, the Republican candidate for Senate District 30, filed a complaint against Geraldine Randall, which raises the same allegation as the McVay complaint. Ms. Carr-Winocour and Ms. Randall were formerly on friendly terms, but have experienced a sharp falling out.

Applicable Law

After being certified, Maine Clean Election Act candidates are permitted to spend only public campaign funds received from the Commission to promote their campaigns and are not permitted to raise money by other means (such as sales of property). They are also not permitted to accept in-kind contributions, such as valuable materials for campaign signs:

After certification, a candidate must limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the commission. (21-A M.R.S.A. § 1125(6))

The term 'contribution' is defined as:

(1) A gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state, county or municipal office.... (21-A M.R.S.A. § 1012(2)(A)(1))

The definition of contribution also contains a number of exceptions, including wood or other materials used for political signs that are donated to a candidate *if the donor did not originally obtain the materials for campaign purposes*. Also, a candidate's campaign has not accepted a contribution if it uses campaign signs, literature, or other printed materials *obtained by that candidate* in a previous election campaign.

(8-B) Wood or other materials used for political signs that are found or contributed if not originally obtained by the candidate or contributor for campaign purposes;... (21-A MRSA § 1012(2)(B)(8-B))

(8-C) The use or distribution of any communication, as described in section 1014, obtained by the candidate for a previous election and fully paid for during that election;... (21-A MRSA § 1012(2)(B)(8-C))

Since this situation concerns wire frames for political signs that Ms. Randall received from Deborah Gibbs, an unenrolled candidate for Senate District 30 in the 2006 general election, neither of these exceptions would seem to apply in this matter. There is, however, a dispute over whether the wire frames have any campaign value at all, because they are alleged to be bent and rusted.

Factual Disputes

A number of facts are disputed by Mr. McVay and Ms. Carr-Winocour, on one hand, and Ms. Randall, on the other.

The primary compliance issue raised by the complainants is the allegation that Ms. Randall raised money for her campaign (or obtained a credit) by receiving wire frames and then selling the frames to the Bangor Letter Shop. The parties dispute the total number of wire frames, the number of frames delivered to Ms. Carr-Winocour, whether Ms. Randall actually received cash or obtained credit from the Bangor Letter Shop, and whether the condition of the wire frames rendered them valueless and unusable.

We have spoken about this matter with Irvine W. Marsters, Jr., the owner of the Bangor Letter Shop. He explained that he did have a preliminary conversation with Ms. Randall about swapping some used 20-inch wire frames in her possession for some larger (25-inch) used wire frames that he had at his store. Ms. Randall subsequently delivered a number of used 20-inch wires to his store. Once delivered, Mr. Marsters realized that the frames were unusable because they were bent and rusted. At that time, he did not inform Ms. Randall that the frames lacked value, because he felt he had already agreed to a swap. Ms. Carr-Winocour was present for this delivery.

Mr. Marsters further explained that Ms. Randall later told him that she did not want to do a swap. Consequently, his store invoiced her \$90 for the 150 frames that she received from the Bangor Letter Shop, which he stated is the standard rate for used wires. He has provided invoices indicating that Ms. Randall paid full value for the 150 frames. Mr. McVay and Ms. Carr-Winocour allege that Mr. Marsters' account of these events is fabricated.

Ms. Carr-Winocour and Mr. McVay also accuse Ms. Randall of attempting to get Ms. Gibbs and Mr. Marsters to make false statements regarding this matter. This allegation may present an issue that is not within the Commission's jurisdiction.

It is expected that most of these parties will be motivated to be present at your July 28, 2008 meeting, including Mr. Marsters who will attend at Ms. Randall's invitation.

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~~DEAR GAVIN O'BRIEN~~

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ATTN GAVIN O'BRIEN

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Gavin O'Brien
Candidate Registrar
Maine Ethics Commission

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I received a letter cc'd to myself and others from Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director today and may I state that I am very saddened that both Geraldine Randall and Irving Marster have betrayed us all by not telling the truth and covering up an unethical practice.

This might be a petty issue to some but it leads to bigger issues with honesty and this is why the people of the State of Maine and the Nation are angry with our political arena.

I spoke with you Mr. O'Brien on numerous occasions with concerns of being implicated in a scam with wires received by a candidate and asked for your advice. When I first spoke with you, I was in a panic and repeatedly told you that I did not pick up any wires and they were dropped off to my home by this candidate and what was I suppose to do with these wires and I didn't want to be implicated. I asked if I should do an in-kind contribution and other questions. You stated you would be back in touch with me after further conference with others in the ethics commission, which you did and stated that I would have to pay fair market value for these 110 wires to the person they belonged to originally. I then spoke with you again about these wires in which you stated I did not have to pay for these wires because they had no value and I could do whatever I wanted with them. After my conversation with you, I felt an ease of relief and went on with my campaign.

I then had to contact you again regarding same and tell you who the candidate was because you received a complaint and I was once again put into a situation of stress. I reiterated time after time to you that I didn't want these wires and I wanted these wires to go far away from me. I didn't want to be involved with this mess and I never mentioned Geraldine Randall's name at all when I first contacted you about this wire disaster. If Mrs. Randall had left well enough alone she most likely would have gotten away with her unethical deceit but she wanted to involve me in this and I did not want any part of her lies.

Upon reading the letter I thought it might be best to take each topic separately and state what transpired.

Irving Marster received from Geraldine Randall 250 wires, counted them at his place of business and stated he would credit Geraldine Randall \$1.00 a piece for these wires. There was also mention of an additional 85 wires he received 2 days prior. The wires were not unusable as suggested by Mr. Marster. I was there and I am quite offended by these 4 bullets stated by Mr. Marster. He should be ashamed of himself. There is a cover up and you should uncover it. Invoice 56655 dated 5/22/08 states a quantity of 223 signs then invoice 57106 states a quantity of 77 signs which totals 300 signs and 150 wires - this stinks to high heaven.

This brings me back to the answers Geraldine Randall gave to your questions. Geraldine Randall is quite knowledgeable with the ethics of a campaign and her rant

that "I did not realize there was a problem" with cheating and her unhappiness with politics is so becoming of her. The true answers to the questions asked are as follows:

1. How many wires did you receive from Ms. Gibbs? **400 – 500 (ask Deborah Gibbs) is she a liar too?**
2. If you gave any wire frames to other candidates, how many did you give away and how many candidates did you give them to?
She picked these wires up from Debbie Gibbs off her lawn and was suppose to split the wires with me. I contacted Debbie Gibbs about the wires and coming to pick them up and she stated that Gerri Randall came and picked them all up with her truck. She asked if she gave half of them to me and I said Gerri Randall did not. I contacted Gerri Randall regarding the wires and she said she picked them up and would bring them to me. I guess Gerri Randall didn't realize that Debbie Gibbs told me how many wires she picked up, because 110 wires were dropped off to me by Gerri Randall and Earl Randall and they were taped with a V written on the tape. As far as not being home, well, one more lie added to the barrel, because another person who lives in my home was here when they dropped these 110 wires off on my lawn and we counted them. I most certainly was home.
3. How many do you have now? Gerri Randall stated None of Them. **Well, I have a message on my cell phone (which I will be more than happy to show you) dated 6/14/08 at 7:05pm and states this message (which I sent to you via email) Val if you want those 150 metal wires you are welcomed to them. Let me know and will make arrangements to pick them up. Thanks. To bad to end a friendship over some stupid wires that are of no value. This means she has 150 wires that she wants to give to me!!!! Then on 6/17/08 her friend Terri LaCombe called me at 11:06am and wanted to drop off these 150 wires and was harassing me because I did not want these wires. The other rhetoric Gerri Randall states is garbage. Debbie Gibbs ran in 2006. These wires were not in bad shape. I have these wires and will be happy to bring them on July 28th.**
4. The fact is that Gerri Randall wants me to accept 150 wires **now** and I have 110 wires she dropped off to my home. The math does not compute. I will take a lie detector test and I will come out passing. Geraldine Randall dropped off 250 wires to Irving Marster and she is lying and so is Mr. Marster.

Geraldine Randall contacted Debbie Gibbs and asked her to lie about the wires. Gerri Randall asked Debbie Gibbs to state that I was with her when she retrieved the wires from her yard. Gerri Randall showed the email she wrote to you "Gavin" and Debbie Gibbs told her she was lying and she would be no part of this deceit and told her to take her sign and she was not getting her vote. Gerri Randall has tried to cover her back with lies upon lies. I am quite sickened by all this and I am very angry that she has been allowed to get away with this.

This is my official complaint in writing regarding Gerri Randall's unethical campaign practices. I have been humiliated, harassed, subjected to verbal attack while she is out on her campaign trails. I do not go door to door showing emails that were meant for personal view and I don't verbally bad mouth another candidate with constituents. I would expect the same from any candidate, especially in my own party. This type of behavior might be expected from an opponent but this is not acceptable. Asking people

to lie about me and showing emails that would only make herself look bad is intolerable. I want this to stop! I would like to get on with my campaign without any further disturbance but I also think this type of unethical political practices need to be put out there in the lime light. This behavior of any candidate should not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

Valerie Carr-Winocour
Attachment: email to Gavin O'Brien

cc: Deborah Gibbs
Jonathan Wayne

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MAINE ETHICS COMMISSION

Dear Paul Lavin,

I did not try to scam Valerie Winocour with these wires (that are of no value). As I have said before my husband and I did drop 150 wires of to Winocour. She was the one that told me about the wires and suggested that we split them. Winocour is the one that has pursued this vindictive situation. I am sorry she feels that I was deceitful that certainly was not my intention. As for Mr. Marston he is an upstanding citizen and a pillar of his community and I can't comprehend him doing any of the things that she is stating.

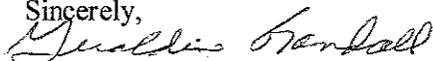
As to her question #1 how many wires did you pick-up I did state 300 but later realized that as I stated before there was maybe 100 more of the larger wires not the smaller ones. Gibbs did not count them and neither did I. I do know my husband counted out 300 of the small wires and we did bundle them and dropped 150 wires off to her. I had called Winocour and asked her if she wanted to pick the wires up and she said no as she did not want to go up that road with her car. On my way back from town I stopped by Gibbs to pick the wires up. I now realize this was a mistake because of the situation that arose from it. I did call her to come and we would divide them and she did not so my husband and I did just that. If they were short I was not aware of it and would have gladly given her more and all of them if she wished. All I got was a screaming person on the line and she would not let me explain so I hung up thinking that after she calmed down she would call me and I would have talked with her. Winocour called LaCombe and advised LaCombe of the situation and LaCombe said if I wanted to she would deliver more wires to her. I told LaComb that would be good as under the circumstances I would not go near Winocour's place or speak to Winocour. After calling Wincour, LaCombe stated to me Winocour did not want the wires. I had not discussed this situation with LaCombe at all. There are many people that Winocour has called for they have called me about the situation. Yesterday someone spoke to me about it as well, I asked the person "how did you find out about it" and they stated to me "someone told them Winocour was discussing this matter at the Bangor Parade".

I did not ask Gibbs or Marston to lie for me. Gibbs did not tell me I was lying. I had gone there to pick-up my sign and I did show Gibbs at the time what had taken place and Gibbs said she didn't want to get involved.

I have said nothing about Winocour only to those who have asked me about it and they are upset to think a person would say these things about me. They have said they would gladly support me and would testify as to my integrity in Augusta if needed. I was told I did not need anyone to come to Augusta and I did not even mention what has transpired to anyone other than the ones she has spoken to and a business associate who said she would testify as to my integrity as well.

I have been humiliated by these false allegations and I will be glad when this is over so I can move on with my campaign.

Sincerely,



Geraldine Randall
540 Old Town Road
Hudson, Maine 04449
207-327-1303

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5 July 2008

Dear Mr. Wayne,

This is in response to Mr. McVay complaint, I did find more wires if they are saying I have a hundred wires I will gladly give her a hundred if that is what she wants. An associate of mine (whom I have known since she moved to town helped me with putting public suppers for the community and grange and said she had a call from Miss Winocour complaining about me and she said she would del them for me, as I will not go near Miss Winocour and I have had no further talk with her since this all came about as she was yelling, screaming at me over the phone and I had to hang up on her. She would not let me explain about the wires and that if there was a problem she could have them all. My associate also said she couldn't believe what she is saying about me as I am not that kind of person.

I did not sell any wires nor would I. I do not need money for my campaign as I am running under the clean election fund. What I have purchased for my campaign I have paid for with the campaign funds. You should have copies of the invoices.

I did not ask Bangor Letter shop to lie to you or forge any documents. I resent them saying such things about a prominent business that is a pillar in the community. They can attack me but not the people I do business with or my friends or community. I have many people who will come and testify to my credibly as a person who does nothing but good to help others. These include selectmen, past school board member's friends of many years and my community. The many people I have helped to get elected to office. I have helped her with getting onto the ballot and when she ran for city council. I spent many day's, gas and going door to door day after day. I also have driven McVay home under various situations with no charge for gas. I am a giver and not a taker these two times are times of much miss judgment on my behalf.

I did not ask Gibbs to lie for me. She did read an e-mail that Winocour sent me and the situation with Gavin and my response as I had called him to ask him if I paid Gibbs for the wires (which I did not) if she would have to pay the ethics commission for them. The understanding was no as they had already been paid for through Gibbs as she was an independent and ran under the clean election. She did not count the wires when I picked them up and neither did I. She did say she had purchased 400 and that she had lost some of them during the election from on side of the road. How many we don't know. So we don't know how many were actually there. My husband and I did count out 150 wires for Winocour and we did del. them to her. I had asked her if she would pick them up and she said she was not going to take her car up that road and I had a truck. I had asked her to come and help me split them and she never did so we did and del. them.

I only put signs up in my district and Bennoch road runs up through to Argyle, and LaGrange. Most of them were on people's lawns and with their permission.

I have spoken no rumors about Winocour, or my opponent in the campaign nor would I however I will defend myself if I have to. I have had many calls from associates, senators and friends that she has called and they have told me to not give up, they can't believe what she is doing and that they would not vote for anyone like that for office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geraldine Randall".

Geraldine Randall
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04333-0135

July 1, 2008

Geraldine May Randall
540 Old Town Road
Hudson, ME 04449

Dear Ms. Randall:

The Ethics Commission staff received the attached complaint from Eric McVay regarding your campaign as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate for House of Representatives, District 13. The complaint alleges that you received metal wires used for signs from a previous legislative candidate, Deborah Gibbs, and sold them to the Bangor Letter Shop to raise money for your campaign. His complaint was written on three different sheets of paper.

Alleged Violation of the Maine Clean Election Act

As you know, certified Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidates must spend only public funds received under the MCEA to promote their campaigns. (21-A M.R.S.A. § 1125(6)) If true, Mr. McVay's allegation would thus constitute a violation of the MCEA.

On June 19, 2008, I spoke with Irving Marster, the owner of the Bangor Letter Shop. He told me the following:

- You had received some used 20-inch wires that were rusted and bent.
- While you left those 20-inch wires with him, the Bangor Letter Shop did not give you any credit for those materials, and did not pay you any cash for the wires.
- In Mr. Marster's opinion, the wires were without value because of their poor condition.
- He sold you some used 25-inch wires that would be appropriate for the 28-inch signs you purchased from the shop. He billed you for the 25-inch wires.

Later on June 19, Mr. Marster faxed me invoices for both the signs and the 25-inch wires that were marked "paid." Those invoices are attached. The information Irving Marster provided me is consistent with an e-mail you sent the Commission staff on June 10, in which you denied receiving any credit from the Bangor Letter Shop for the wires.

Because Mr. McVay has filed a formal complaint regarding a matter relating to the Maine Clean Election Act, this matter is scheduled for the next meeting of the Commission. That meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2008 at the Commission's office at 242 State Street in Augusta.

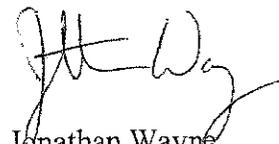
You are welcome to respond to Eric McVay's complaint in writing or in person at the meeting. As we discussed earlier today, I suggest that you attend the meeting on July 28. Because you plan to attend the meeting and because you have already submitted an e-mail addressing the allegations, it is not necessary for you to submit an additional written response, but you should feel free to submit anything else in writing that you believe is relevant. If you submit anything further in writing, we should receive it no later than Thursday, July 17.

Allegations from Valerie Carr-Winocour

The Commission staff has also received telephone calls from Valerie Carr-Winocour alleging that you have engaged in unethical campaign practices. Ms. Carr-Winocour is a candidate for the State Senate. We have been expecting her to make her complaint in writing, but have not received it yet. It is unclear whether the Commission has jurisdiction over the particular allegations she is making. If we receive something from her in writing, we will forward it to you and provide you with an opportunity to respond.

Please feel free to telephone me if you have any questions. If I am unavailable, please ask for Assistant Director Paul Lavin. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Wayne
Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Eric McVay
Valerie Carr-Winocour
Irving Marster
Deborah Gibbs

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BANGOR LETTER SHOP & COLOR COPY CENTER

Penobscot Plaza
99 Washington Street
Bangor, ME 04401-6518
TEL (207) 945-9311
FAX (207) 942-9914
Info@bangorlettershop.com

Invoice	
No: 57106	Date: 06/12/08

Ship To:
DISTRICT #13

COMMITTEE TO ELECT GERRI RANDALL
540 OLD TOWN ROAD
HUDSON ME 04449

Acct.No	Ordered by	Phone	P.O. No	Prepared by	Sales Rep	Ship Via
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Quantity	Description					Price
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150	USED WIRES FOR LAWN SIGNS 25"					90.00

BANGOR LETTER SHOP
99 WASHINGTON STREET
TEL. 945-9311
DATE 06.18.08 MED
R/A \$266.51
CHECK \$266.51
BAL. NO. 000095
TIME 12:54 0000

*Order # 1007
11 June 2008*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

Subtotal	253.81
Shipping	0.00
Postage	0.00
Tax	12.70
TOTAL	266.51
Paid	0.00
BALANCE	266.51
Terms	Net 30 Day

PLEASE PAY THE BALANCE FROM THIS INVOICE.

Bangor Letter Shop & Color Copy Ctr - 99 WASHINGTON STREET - Bangor, ME 04401-6510 - (207) 945-9311

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& Color Copy Center*

Invoice	
No: 56655	Date: 05/22/08

Ship To:

DISTRICT #13

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HUDSON ME 04449

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						TOTAL 500.00
						Paid 0.00
						BALANCE 500.00
						Terms Net 30 Days

PLEASE PAY THE BALANCE FROM THIS INVOICE.

O'Brien, Gavin

From: GERRISDECOR@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 4:01 PM
To: O'Brien, Gavin
Subject: Gavin wires

Dear Gavin,

Here is the info that we talked about. Did not realize all this to be such a problem. If this is politics I am sure having second thoughts. Who was to know I sure didn't. I will be more than happy to assist you with any other info that you may need to clear this matter up. Thanks Gerri Randall 

Thank you for the information you provided earlier today regarding the wire frames for signs that you received from Deborah Gibbs. We would like to ask you a few questions to better understand the facts of the situation.

1. How many wires did you receive from Ms. Gibbs? 300
2. If you gave any wire frames to other candidates, how many to you give away and how many candidates did you give them to? I didn't Debbie Gibbs offered them to us and I split them with Valerie Carr Winocour. I had the truck and when I picked mine up I picked them all up. My husband counted them and we bundled them and we dropped them off at Valerie's as she wasn't home at the time. She says there was only 109.
3. How many do you have now? None of them. I took my 150 down to Bangor Letter and he exchanged them for larger ones. Only to find out that he can not sell them because of the condition of them. We did have two opinions and they are the same of no value. They were outside and all rusted since 96.
4. The Commission staff received some information that you may have turned some of those metal wires over to Bangor Letter Shop to use as credit for the purchase of new signs. Is this correct? No If so, how much credit did you receive for those materials? None. I bought my signs on the 21st May for \$500.00 check # 1005. to Bangor Letter. That is in my financial report.

Thank you very much.

—
Gavin O'Brien
Candidate Registrar
Maine Ethics Commission
(207) 287-4709

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Wayne, Jonathan

From: O'Brien, Gavin
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 4:33 PM
To: Lavin, Paul; Wayne, Jonathan
Subject: FW: Metal Stakes

For your reading pleasure

From: vwinocour@aol.com [mailto:vwinocour@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 3:28 PM
To: O'Brien, Gavin
Subject: Fwd: Metal Stakes

Gavin,

This is what I sent to Gerri Randall. This is what she showed to Deb Gibbs and others along with the email with the questions you asked and she answered.

-----Original Message-----

From: vwinocour@aol.com
To: GERRISDECOR@aol.com
Sent: Mon, 9 Jun 2008 12:07 pm
Subject: Metal Stakes

Hello Gerri,

Because you solely picked up these metal stakes from Deb Gibbs, I now have to return them to you. I counted all the metal stakes (110) and I am very appalled to find that you stated that you gave me *half* of the stakes *you* picked up when you swapped out 250 with Irv at Bangor Letter for a \$1.00 a piece and I believe you stated another 85 a couple of days before that drop off. I guess you think of me as a stupid person who has no bright light bulbs up stairs, then to state to Deb Gibbs that you indeed gave me half of these stakes is very dishonest when there were at least 450 to 500 stakes that you picked up. I would/could never do something so devious "especially to a friend" or to the republican party. This dishonest behavior has really showed me the type of greedy person you are. I am not involved in this pathetic attempt to conceal any in-kind contributions and you will not bring me into this mess. Do not lie about me and try to deceive the truth. Please advise the place and time of return of these metal stakes so I can coordinate with the person who will validate that I did return the (110) stakes back to you. I wish you well in your endeavors.

Valerie Carr-Winocour

Then on 6/14/08 @ 7:05pm I received a text message on my cell phone stating:

Val if you want those 150 metal wires you are welcomed to them. Let me know and we will make arrangements to pick them up. Thanks. To bad to end a friendship over some stupid wires that are of no value.

On 6/17/08 around 11ish, her friend Terri LaCombe called me to state she was dropping off 150 wires to my home. I said I don't want these - she kept trying to insist that I take them. Then Terri proceeded to interrogate me about meeting the selectmen in Hudson and did they allow me the use of their town hall. She stated Gerri asked her to contact me because I told Gerri to STAY AWAY FROM ME. This is harassment and I would like this behavior to cease. Anything that you can do to assist me with stopping this would be most appreciated. I am trying to run a campaign and I don't need this distraction.

6/19/2008

Let me know if you would like a letter written pertaining to the details of this *ongoing* saga and I will write one and send it to you. This is unethical of a candidate running for office and something should be done about it. Not only did she lie and deceive you, she is on a mission to destroy another candidates race. This is the type of practice that we don't need from a candidate. The people are quite distraught with these type of candidates and as they should be.

Please let me know how to proceed. Much appreciated.

Valerie Carr-Winocour

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O'Brien, Gavin

From: GERRISDECOR@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 4:01 PM
To: O'Brien, Gavin
Subject: Gavin wires

Dear Gavin,

Here is the info that we talked about. Did not realize all this to be such a problem. If this is politics I am sure having second thoughts. Who was to know I sure didn't. I will be more than happy to assist you with any other info that you may need to clear this matter up. Thanks Gerri Randall 

Thank you for the information you provided earlier today regarding the wire frames for signs that you received from Deborah Gibbs. We would like to ask you a few questions to better understand the facts of the situation.

1. How many wires did you receive from Ms. Gibbs? 300
2. If you gave any wire frames to other candidates, how many to you give away and how many candidates did you give them to? I didn't Debbie Gibbs offered them to us and I split them with Valerie Carr Winocour. I had the truck and when I picked mine up I picked them all up. My husband counted them and we bundled them and we dropped them off at Valerie's as she wasn't home at the time. She says there was only 109.
3. How many do you have now? None of them. I took my 150 down to Bangor Letter and he exchanged them for larger ones. Only to find out that he can not sell them because of the condition of them. We did have two opinions and they are the same of no value. They were outside and all rusted since 96.
4. The Commission staff received some information that you may have turned some of those metal wires over to Bangor Letter Shop to use as credit for the purchase of new signs. Is this correct? No If so, how much credit did you receive for those materials? None. I bought my signs on the 21st May for \$500.00 check # 1005. to Bangor Letter. That is in my financial report.

Thank you very much.

—
Gavin O'Brien
Candidate Registrar
Maine Ethics Commission
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7/3/08

Jonathon Wayne
Executive Director
State of Maine
Commission of Governmental Ethics & Election Practices
135 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0135

Dear Mr. Wayne:

Thank you for the courtesy of sending me copies of the Commission votes, the complaints by Mr. McVay/Valerie Carr-Winocour, and the response to Commission questions by Geraldine Randall.

I resent the implication by McVay/Winocour that I would lie to the Commission and forge documents. I have provided you with valid copies of actual sales and payments to Geraldine Randall. You are welcome to audit those records at anytime with me or the Bangor Letter Shop Controller, Glenn Mower.

I had originally offered to Geraldine Randall the idea of an exchange of some leftover 25" wires I had for 20" wires when she ordered 28 x 11 lawn signs instead of the more common 22 x 14.

Ms. Randall called to tell me that she had wires from Deborah Gibbs, a former political candidate and was interested in the exchange. Valerie Carr-Winocour was a passenger in her truck when she came and dropped them off. The wires (which I still have) were rusted and twisted from weather and prior use. They are not in a condition that I would consider for sale.

Within a few days, I advised Ms. Randall that the wires were of no value and she said that she did not want them back.

Ms. Randall then said that she wanted to be billed for the 150 25" wires and that she did not want the used 20" wires back.

I have previously sent you copies of the paid invoices.

Please let me know if I can assist further with this matter.

Sincerely,

Irvine W. Marsters, Jr.
President

CC: Eric McVay & Valerie Carr-Winocour
Deborah Gibbs
Geraldine Randall





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4489		327-1303		VALEKIE		PRICED	
Quantity	Description						Price
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150	USED WIRES FOR LAWN SIGNS 25"						90.00
						Subtotal	253.81
						Shipping	0.00
						Postage	0.00
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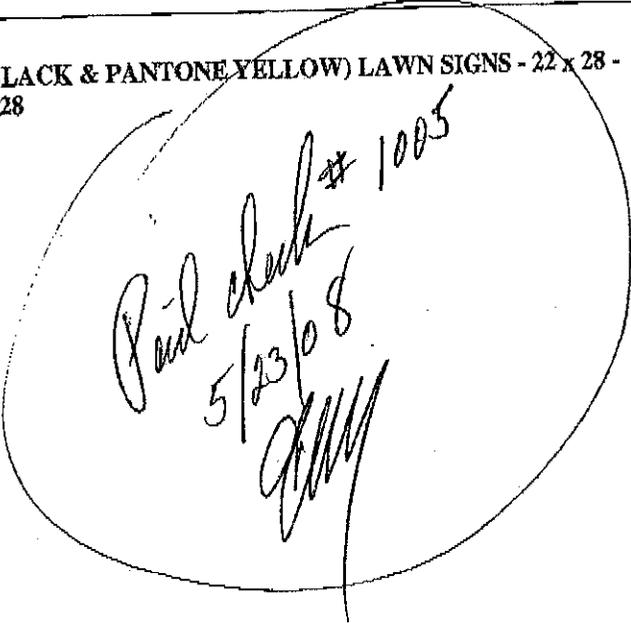
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