

Surveyors begin measuring the Rail Trail

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Surveyors from Parkurst and Donahue were out today measuring property lines along the proposed Topsfield rail trail. Pictured is the grassy section in between Washington Street and Grove Street.

In case you haven't been following the news lately, the surveying work is solving two problems right now. The primary purpose is to tell the Rail Trail Committee how wide they will be able to make the potential bike path in this area.

Bob Morgan, a vocal opponent to the rail trail, will also be able to use the results to solve a little snafu that involves him, the town and some nasty Chinese Knotweed. Morgan, who abuts this section of the proposed path, got under a little heat for applying Round-Up on the invasive species that may exist partly on town property. Selectmen kindly asked Morgan to delay the application of the chemical until the survey results were in.