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### Drop swords on rail trail plan

The citizens who balked at and wanted more answers on Topsfield's rail trail proposal are still out there. Last week after the town vote to move the trail forward, some of those citizens want it known that they still want the committee's cooperation as they carry out development. They want a trail that's built to the satisfaction of all, including those direct abutters.

It was nice to see both sides sitting down together and trying to be civil as they talked about the beginning phase of development. Let's hope it'll continue to be a system of give and take on both sides.

Developing harmony on this plan that most in Topsfield appear to want is paramount. Forget about going back to the drawing boards to resurvey people to try and find out what they 'really' meant to say or should have been asked at the time the town sought grant funds.

The people have spoken—on more than one occasion. So let's move forward. Let's adopt the philosophy that you get more with honey than with vinegar.

Work together so we can get this trail in place.

It's taken a long time to reach this point. Just ask Joe Geller who as chairman of the Topsfield Rail Trail has worked on the idea for over 10 years. Now the volunteers will be recruited, and businesses have already come forward to help make this trail a reality.

The Topsfield Rail Trail can become the catalyst that brings the corners of the town together—all in the name of good health and harmony.

When somebody utters "Go take a hike", it can really happen.