

## Rail Trail organization seeks permission to remove hazard

Removing a hazard along the proposed Topsfield Linear Trail was the latest request put forward by the town's Rail Trail Committee.

In a letter to the selectmen, Chairman Joe Geller requested permission to move a portion of rail that would pose a hazard to trail users.

"It is a 60-foot long single rail that makes an arc between the rails. For safety reasons, the rail should be removed. It could be done with an abrasive saw or

with a weld torch," Geller advised. The chairman said that funds are available through the Essex National Heritage Commission.

The Rail Trail committee also requested that Donohoe and Parkhurst survey the line for the one-third mile section of the downtown trail. Beals Associates of Boston will be asked to do a base plan for the design development of this portion of the trail for \$2,500.

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