

## Selectmen/Morgan need to chill

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Brendan tells me that Topsfield selectmen Monday were visibly upset and frustrated with the ongoing rail trail saga. People losing their tempers at a selectmen's meeting is hardly a new thing. But when selectmen start tearing into those at the meeting, that's when it gets interesting. No matter how tempting (or justified) it is to reprimand a member of the public, it's not what an elected official should be doing. They were voted by the people to represent the people, not to admonish them.

That being said, selectmen have been more than patient with the antics of Bob Morgan. Selectmen are right, their meetings are not the proper location or forum for a debate on the merits of the rail trail. It's time Morgan and Rail Trail proponent Joe Geller get together and talk things over. Which leads me to ask: what happened to the proposed televised debate regarding the rail trail? After a promising beginning there has been little news. It sounded like a good idea when first discussed and it sounds even more important after Monday's debacle.

I mean, when Steve Clark starts raising his voice, you know things are bad. Both sides need to chill. If that means just watching a documentary on panda bears on the Discovery Channel or grabbing a beer, they'd best do something before things get really out of hand.

### Comments

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- [guggipatricus](#) on February 9th, 2008 5:20 pm

Maybe it is the Selectmen who need to grow up.

I can not believe the lack of respect that was shown toward Ellen Gutowski at that meeting.

Maybe we should just declare John McArdle King of Topsfield and the rest his Jesters. Then he can declare that the mere peasants are not allowed to come to an open meeting and state their concerns over anticipated changes having to do directly with the property they own.

I must thank this group of "gentlemen" for one thing, I will no longer be sitting on the sidelines watching them be rude to my fellow citizens. Buckle up boys it's going to be a bumpy ride!