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open-space — the establishment of a temporary overlay district five years ago is the legal mechanism that allows the land to be leased.

"It's a fair question. If it would effect the calculation, you should get an answer," said Solomon.

O'Neill also challenged whether continued leases of the land may risk the loss of some \$5.5 million in state and federal funding for the bikeway, while she also questioned what the two businesses planned to accomplish in the next few months.

According to selectman, Montvale Plaza and Cleveland Fence, just two of some half-dozen or so businesses that utilize a portion of the railroad right-of-way, have had ample notice for the past five years about the expiration of the leases later this month.

"I agree that they're asking for additional time, but

my biggest concern is that there's still no exit plan for them. They're not saying how they're going to get off," said O'Neill.

Town Administrator David Ragucci confirmed that the federal government will almost certainly yank the federal grant money for the project, should anyone still be encroaching on the land next year, but he saw no impediments to the process of surveying the railroad right-of-way, as required prior to the construction phase.

Bikeway Committee member Anthony Wilson, whose board voted 7-to-1 in favor of allowing the two warrant articles to proceed to Town Meeting for action, added that he shares similar concerns with O'Neill over encroachment.

According to bikeway advocate, through his conversations with state officials, the committee has been satisfied that the two-and-a-half extra months will not impede the funding process, but the group is in agreement that

the long-term licensing of the space to private parties should not be allowed.

"This has been a very difficult issue for the Bikeway Committee, because our goal is to not lease this land. We're not for these leases. We're just looking at whether we can be good neighbors and help them out [for the short-term]," said Wilson.

Houghton later vowed that his clients would vacate the premises after Oct. 15 as promised, explaining that the extra time is needed so that Murphy can either ink an off-site parking arrangement with StonehamBank or establish a separate parking area on another property he owns.

Cleveland Fence is asking for extra time to remove some dumpsters, stock, and a fence from the railroad right-of-way, which will also be moved within the next few months, the lawyer furthered.

"There's nothing that needs to be deconstructed or demolished. There's no structures," said Houghton.

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