

Misinformation about Mahackeno must be cleared

To the Editor:

The Mahackeno issue continues to tear our community apart. Far too many of us are either ignoring the facts, or confusing our citizens with conflicting signs and information.

It takes only a simple drive past the Y to see several signs. Hanging from the Y itself, is a banner stating the truth: Mahackeno Or Bust. If we don't move to Mahackeno, it's over, no more Y.

Telling the Y to stay downtown is telling they Y to hang itself in an inadequate, 80-year-old building. As you pass the "Mahackeno Or Bust" banner, you need to do no more than turn your head to see another sign. On that side of the bridge,

two signs declaring, "Keep the Y Downtown" blare their message to drivers.

The "Y Downtown" group is, whether intentionally or not, confusing our town. They tell people that the Y can stay downtown, and keep it's current, very convenient location, or at least, move somewhere else in town. Sadly, this is not the case.

There are a lot of ideas and alleged reasons for us not to have a Y at Mahackeno, and misinformation about these must be cleared up. The conservation committee went over more material and spent more time reviewing this case than any other case in our town's history. Everyone is entitled to an opinion. What people are not entitled to is to

spread lies and slander our Y's good name. I am not surprised these signs are anonymous.

As a kid in seventh grade, you might not think my classmates or I understand this. It's true that some kids don't "get" this issue, but I would feel justified in saying that we have almost as many adults in our town who don't "get" it. So, I don't ask you to root for the Y (although I'd recommend it), I just hope that people will do a little research before they take sides based on "facts" that campaign signs give them.

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