

To: Senator Gayle Slossberg
Representative Christopher Caruso
Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee

From: Gil Grimm, First Selectman of Voluntown

Date: March 19, 2007 GAE Public Hearing

Re: Testimony in support of H. B. No. 7386 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

As First Selectman of Voluntown I support Section 6 of this bill which would transfer a parcel of land in the town of Griswold from the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Natural Resources to said department's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to be used for athletic fields.

I support the bill for the following reasons:

1. The location is on the border and easy access for both Voluntown and Griswold residents.
2. Neither town has suitable land available for more needed playing fields. This land is ideally suited for playing fields.
3. The town's recreation commissions would work together to utilize the fields as they do now.
4. The towns would share in the maintenance and mowing of the fields.
5. Volunteers and equipment would be available to initially prepare the fields.
6. The best reason is that it would cost the state nothing!