

The New Haven Register (nhregister.com), Serving New Haven, CT

Opinion

LETTER: Madison must not reject Griswold deal

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

The press announcement at the old Griswold Airport site Sept. 30 was a great event. As one of the more than 100 who were present, it was an absolute joy to be part of a positive, major step in Madison's future.

The opportunity for the town and its citizens to protect the land as open space must not be rejected this time, for it likely will be the last opportunity.

The large group of citizens who formed and supported Stop Griswold Over-Development during the last eight years were simply ecstatic at the positive response of the Board of Selectmen. All five were present as supporters of saving the land.

First Selectman Al Goldberg and Selectman Joe MacDougald spoke eloquently about the importance of saving the land as open space for active and passive recreation. Sen. Edward Meyer, chairman of the Environment Committee of the state Senate, continues to be a vigorous supporter of preservation of the land. Our Rep. Deborah Heinrich encouraged the citizens to support the purchase for future generations. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal commended the town for an action he believed would set an example for the entire state.

The citizens of Madison, along with the Trust for Public Land, plan educational talks and visits to the site over the next two months. Preservation of the site will be so supportive of our state's most visited park, Hammonasset. We look forward to a positive vote for purchase later this year.

William B. McCullough

Madison

URL: <http://www.nhregister.com/articles/2009/10/07/opinion/doc4acbfcf53dd34829118536.prt>

© 2009 nhregister.com, a **Journal Register** Property