

**BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION
2025-10-01-H1**

**Supporting Legislative Amendment
Relating to Blithewold Tax Exemption**

WHEREAS, Blithewold is a 33-acre summer estate located at 101 Ferry Road in the Town of Bristol (AP 165, Lot 007) with grand views of Narragansett Bay and is nationally significant in American history as one of the most fully developed and authentic examples of the Country Place Era; and

WHEREAS, Blithewold features a 45-room mansion filled with family heirlooms, and is framed by a series of lovely gardens that range in character from mysterious to exotic and from poetic to practical; and

WHEREAS, Blithewold contains an exceptional collection of rare and unusual plants, specimen trees, an accessible greenhouse, and whimsical stonework that projects a character that is romantic, fresh, and inspiring – and unique to Blithewold; and

WHEREAS, Blithewold, Inc., is a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit with a mission to preserve Blithewold as New England's finest garden estate through excellence in horticulture and historic preservation, and by its example to teach and inspire others; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Town Council finds that it is appropriate to grant Blithewold an exemption from local property taxation in order to assist Blithewold in its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Bristol Town Council, respectfully request that the General Assembly enact a legislative amendment to RIGL 44-3-3 in order to grant an exemption from real and tangible personal property taxes for property located at 101 Ferry Road in the Town of Bristol, identified as plat 165, lot 007, on the Town of Bristol tax assessor maps, so long as said property is owned by Blithewold, Inc. and used in furtherance of its mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bristol Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Bristol State Senators and State Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly, seeking their consideration and support of these proposed legislative changes.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman
Bristol Town Council

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk