

Bristol Town Council

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL – OPPOSITION TO RHODE ISLAND
HOUSE BILL 6638 AND SENATE BILL 2340 (PROHIBITION OF SINGLE-FAMILY
ZONING IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH POPULATIONS OVER 20,000)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has very effective Planning and Zoning Boards that have significantly contributed to the Town making good progress toward achieving the goal of having 10 percent of housing stock be considered affordable under State law; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 6638 and Senate Bill 2340 preempts comprehensive plans and planning, and usurps local control and decisions, in a flawed attempt at creating more affordable housing statewide; and

WHEREAS, forced “middle housing” zoning in single-family residential zoning districts disrespects the governance and authority of municipalities over their own jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a threshold population of 20,000 encompasses many non-urban communities such as Bristol; and

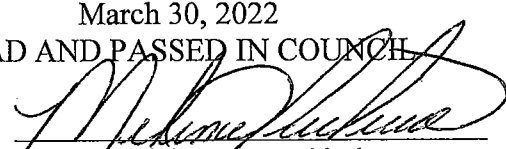
WHEREAS, the Town Council, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Bristol are best suited to determine what housing types should be permitted in Town based on their unique knowledge of local conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bristol Town Council opposes House Bill 6638 and Senate Bill 2340 and urges the members of the General Assembly to oppose this legislation when it is brought to a vote.

March 30, 2022

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

✓ cc: members of the
General Assembly &
House & Senate Committees

