



Dear Members of the Bristol Town Council,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Brewers Guild, I am writing to respectfully request permission to host the annual Ocean State Brewers Festival (OSBF) on Saturday, June 27th, 2026 at Bristol Golf Park.

This beloved event brings together breweries exclusively from Rhode Island and craft beer fans from across the region to celebrate Rhode Island's brewing industry. We are honored to designate Vigilant Brewing in partnership with Bristol Golf Park as the official host for this year's festival to deliver a safe, well-organized community-focused experience for all attendees.

The Ocean State Brew Fest is organized for the benefit of the Rhode Island Brewers Guild (RIBG) a nonprofit organization, founded in 2013, whose mission is to support and promote the state's craft brewing industry by fostering collaboration among Rhode Island breweries, advocating for industry-friendly legislation and facilitating technical brewing education to elevate quality and innovation. With nearly 40 member breweries, the Guild plays a vital role in strengthening local economies and building community through craft beer.

The 2026 OSBF will be a ticketed event for attendees 21+ with controlled entry and ample staffing to ensure smooth operations. Vigilant Brewing, Bristol Golf Park and the RIBG will work closely with local authorities to meet all town ordinances, licensing requirements and public safety protocols. We will also coordinate with Bristol's police, fire and parks departments, as needed, to ensure full compliance and community harmony.

We believe Bristol Golf Park offers an ideal setting – combining natural beauty along with a slew of abutting industrial manufacturing facilities, including Vigilant Brewing – for this celebration. We are excited about the opportunity to showcase Bristol's hospitality and charm to craft beer lovers and golf enthusiasts alike from across the region. We respectfully ask for your support in granting the necessary approval to make this event possible.

Thank you for your consideration. We would appreciate the opportunity to be included on the next scheduled town council meeting to secure the requested license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nils Weldy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Nils" on the top line and "Weldy" on the bottom line.

Nils L. Weldy  
Executive Director, Rhode Island Brewers Guild