Town of Bristol, Rhode Island



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June 9, 2025

TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE: **Blithewold Museum, Arboretum and Gardens** Consideration and Support of a Resolution seeking exemption of **Buildings and Tangible Property Taxes**

I have made a review of the above petition and have no objection to the application to the General Assembly for a request to continue the exemption on the buildings and tangible property taxes for the museum buildings.

It is my understanding that the buildings rented as residential dwelling units are taxed and that should continue.

It is noted that in March of 2024, Blithewold received Planning Board approval for a modification to their Master Plan to convert the residential unit at 111 Ferry Road into a museum office use. The Board also granted a 5-year approval on their previous Master Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Town Administrater

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