



Blithewold

MANOR • GARDENS • ARBORETUM

Petition for Liquor License

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island:

The undersigned, Blithewold, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island, respectfully petitions the Honorable Council for the granting of a Liquor License to permit the sales and service of liquor including wine, beer and spirits on the premises in connection with museum operations and special events. We respectfully ask consideration to add a full liquor license to the ordinance.

Blithewold hosts a variety of public and private gatherings consistent with its mission to provide educational, cultural, and horticultural experiences to the community. These include, but are not limited to, brunches, luncheons, afternoon teas, receptions, and other catered functions, as well as private event rentals such as weddings, meetings, and social celebrations.

The sales and serving of liquor will be conducted in accordance with applicable state and local health and safety regulations, and all necessary permits and licenses will be maintained in good standing.

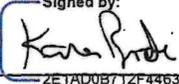
Respectfully submitted,

Blithewold, Inc.

101 Ferry Road
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

401-253-2707

kbinder@blithewold.org

Signed by:
By: 
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Name: Karen Binder

Title: Executive Director

Date: 2/4/2026



LICENSE REQUEST: BV INTOXICATING BEVERAGE LICENSE

PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL:

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol:
The undersigned hereby respectfully requests of your Honorable Body to
be granted a BV INTOXICATING BEVERAGE LICENSE

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT: Blithewold, Inc
ADDRESS: 101 Ferry Road Bristol RI 02809
APPLICANT NAME: Karen Binder, Executive Director
HOURS OF OPERATION: Varied - See attached

** PLEASE ATTACH SKETCH INDICATING THE AREAS FROM WHICH LIQUOR WILL BE SERVED AND CONSUMED.

Fee for License: \$1300 per year plus advertising
Also required is Victualling License: \$75/year
(Payable after Council approves the license.)

Please attend the Council Meeting on:

2/18/26

*SIGNATURE:

[Handwritten Signature]

NAME:

Karen Binder

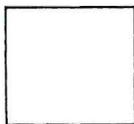
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PETITION MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY AT 4PM TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING.

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Date Received:

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TO BE USED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT

*BY SIGNING THIS PETITION, I CONSENT TO EXAMINATION AND RELEASE OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION REGARDING MY BACKGROUND, INCLUDING POLICE RECORDS, EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION, RESIDENCE RECORDS, AND ANY COURT RECORDS.

2026 FEB -5 AM 9:42
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CITY/TOWN OF BRISTOL

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

RETAILER CLASS: A ___ BH ___ BM ___ BT ___ BV BVL ___ C ___ E ___ ED ___ J ___ T ___ 2:00 A.M. ___

Business Structure: Corporation Partnership LLC Individual

Blithewold Inc
Name of Applicant/Corporation

Blithewold Manor Garden Arboretum
D/B/A

101 Ferry Road Bristol RI 02809
Address of Premise

401-253-2707 blithewold.org
Phone Number of Business Email Address

State - Incorporated: Rhode Island Date of Incorporation: Jan 22, 1999

Name, Address, Telephone of all Officers/Members with percentage ownership: N/A

President/Member Name	Address	Phone	% Ownership
Vice President/Member Name	Address	Phone	% Ownership
Secretary/Member Name	Address	Phone	% Ownership
Treasurer/Member Name	Address	Phone	% Ownership

Name and Address of All Directors or Board Members, with percentage ownership: N/A

Name	Address	Phone	% Ownership
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If application is on behalf of undisclosed principal or party, please give details:

Does Applicant Own Premises? Yes No ___ Is Property Mortgaged? Yes ___ No or Leased? Yes ___ No

Give Name and Address of Mortgagee (Bank or Mortgage Holder) or Lessor (Landlord) and Amount of Extent

Name	Address	Amount - Term

Have any Officers, Members or Stockholders ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? Yes ___ No If yes, explain:

Is any other business to be carried on in Licensed Premises? Yes ___ No If yes, explain:

Is Applicant or any of its Officers, Members or Stockholders interested directly or indirectly, as principle or associate, or in any manner whatsoever, in any retail license issued under Title 3 of the RI General Laws? If yes, explain:

NO

Is Applicant the owner or operator of any other business? If yes, explain:

NO

State amount of capital invested in the business?

\$250,000

Do you have now, or will you be installing, a draught system Yes ___ No

I hereby certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Karen [Signature]

Applicant Signature

2/4/2026

Date

1. Every question on Application Form must be answered. Any false statement made by the Applicant will be sufficient grounds for the denial of the applica or the revocation of the license in case one has been granted.
2. Corporation having 25 or more stockholders need not file a list of the names and addresses of stockholders - (Question #8)
3. Attention is called to the requirements RIGL §3-5-10:
 - (A) All newly elected officers, members, or directors must be reported to the Board of License Commissioners within 30 days.
 - (B) Any acquisition by any person of more than ten per cent (10%) of any class of corporate stock must be reported within 30 days.
 - (C) Any transfer of fifty percent (50%) or more of any class of corporate stock can be made only by written application to the licensing board subject to the procedures for a transfer of a license.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSE ONLY

Transfer of Location _____ Name _____ Stock _____ Current Retail Class _____ Transfer of ownership _____

Name of Transferor (applicant/old owner)

d/b/a

Address

The above hereby petitions the Licensing Board to transfer the said license to:

New Location (If any): _____

New Name (If any): _____

If change of stockholders, list old and new stockholders:

Signature of Transferor (old owner)

Date

Signature of Transferee (New Owner)

Date

Visit Us

The Manor:

- **January 1 – February 6**
 - Closed to the public
- **February 7 – March 27**
 - Open Saturday and Sunday 12 – 3 PM
 - The Manor will occasionally close early for special events. (Closed February 28, and March 15)
- **March 28 – October 12**
 - Monday: Closed (except most Monday holidays)
 - Tuesday – Sunday: 11 AM – 3 PM
 - The Manor will occasionally close early for special events.
- **October 13 – November 23 – Closed**
- **November 24 – January 3, 2027**
 - Monday: Closed (except most Monday holidays)
 - Tuesday – Sunday: 11 AM – 7 PM
 - The Manor will occasionally close early for special events.

Gardens and Grounds:

- **January 1 – February 6**
 - Closed to the public
- **February 7 – March 27**
 - Monday – Fridays: The Gardens and Grounds are closed to the public
 - Saturday and Sunday: 12 – 3 PM
- **March 28 – May 2**
 - Mondays: The Gardens and Grounds are closed to the public
 - Tuesday – Sunday: 10 AM to 4 PM
- **May 3 – October 12**
 - Mondays: The Gardens and Grounds are closed to the public
 - Tuesday – Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM
 - Sunday: 10 AM – 3 PM
- **October 13 – November 23**
 - Monday – Friday: The Gardens and Grounds are closed to the public
 - Saturday and Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM
- **November 24 – January 3, 2027**
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We are closed on July 4, November 26, December 24, and December 25.



Wine & Beer Service:

- **\$850 for up to 50 guests**
- **\$2000 for up to 100 guests**

This service covers:

- A selection of wines and beers for your event, allowing guests to enjoy a curated beverage experience.
- A professional bartender to serve the drinks, ensuring everything runs smoothly.
- Glassware for guests to use, which is either provided by the service or may include reusable glassware depending on the event type.

Open Bar Service:

- **\$1500 for up to 50 guests**
- **\$3000 for up to 100 guests**

This service offers a more comprehensive selection of alcoholic beverages, which includes:

- A full range of liquor options: vodka, gin, rum, tequila, whiskey, etc.
- Specialty cocktails that can be made upon request.
- Wine and beer
- Non-alcoholic options like sodas, juices, and sparkling water.
- Mixers (tonic water, soda water, cola, etc.) and garnishes like lime, olives, and herbs for cocktail making.

Optional Add-Ons:

- **\$200 Uplighting**
Uplighting is a versatile and impactful way to enhance the atmosphere of your event space.
- **\$1000 Valet Service**
our team of professional valet attendants will efficiently manage the parking and retrieval of your guests' vehicles. This service not only adds a touch of elegance to your event but also minimizes the hassle for guests, allowing them to focus on enjoying the occasion



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Beverage Menu

Sparkling & Champagne

- **Prosecco - Italy**
Crisp, light, celebratory
\$10 per glass
 - **Champagne (Non-Vintage) - France**
Dry, refined, classic
\$18 per glass
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White Wines

- **Sauvignon Blanc - California or New Zealand**
Bright citrus, clean finish
\$9 per glass
 - **Chardonnay - California**
Balanced oak, apple and vanilla notes
\$10 per glass
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Red Wines

- **Pinot Noir - Oregon or California**
Light-bodied, smooth, versatile
\$10 per glass
- **Cabernet Sauvignon - California**
Full-bodied with dark fruit and spice
\$11 per glass



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Signature Cocktails

- **Classic Margarita**
Tequila, fresh lime, orange liqueur
\$14
- **Old Fashioned**
Bourbon, bitters, sugar, orange peel
\$15
- **Vodka or Gin Martini**
Choice of olive or twist
\$15
- **French 75**
Gin, lemon, sparkling wine
\$15

Beer Selection

- **Domestic Beer** (lager or light ale)
\$7
- **Craft Beer** (rotating local selection)
\$8

Non-Alcoholic

- **Sparkling Water | Still Water | Soft Drinks**
\$4
- **House-Made Lemonade or Iced Tea**
\$5



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Afternoon Tea

\$45.00 per guest



Scones:

Cheddar & Chive Scone with Clotted Cream • Cranberry Orange Scone with Clotted Cream

Savory Selection: Choose 4

Cucumber Dill Sandwich • Seasonal Mini Frittata • Mini New England Lobster Roll (additional \$5/person)
Chicken Salad in Phyllo Cup
Apricot and Cream Cheese Pear Sandwich • Shrimp Paté
Hummus and Chickpea in Phyllo Cup • Mozzarella, Tomato and Basil Skewer

Dessert Bites: Choose 3

Chocolate Truffles from Hauser Chocolatier of Westerly, Rhode Island
Orange Cream in Phyllo Cup • Coconut Cream in Phyllo Cup
Mini Carrot or Red Velvet Cupcakes • Petit Fours • Mini Cheesecake

Pot of Blithewold's Special Tea Blend



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KITCHEN

Appetizers

Option 1: Charcuterie Board \$125 - \$500

Our gourmet charcuterie board serves up to 150 guests and includes prosciutto, dry salami, capicola, provolone, gouda, brie, assorted olives, marinated artichokes, and pepperoncini.

Option 2: Choose six from below \$35/Person

Tomato, Mozzarella & Basil with Balsamic Glaze on Skewers

Smoked Salmon with Soft Brie on Phyllo Cups

Stuffed Mushrooms

Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce

Shrimp Cocktail

Mini Cocktail Meatballs

Mini Grilled Cheese with Truffle Oil

Macaroni and Cheese

Baked Bacon and Date on Skewers

Crostini with Pico de Gallo

Mini Lobster Rolls (**additional \$5/person**)

Baked Cranberry Brie Bites topped with Walnuts on Phyllo Cups

Figs & Goat Cheese Crostini with Honey and Thyme

Salmon Pate' Crostini

Baked Ham and Cheese on Puff Pastry

Gourmet Flatbread with Basil, Mozzarella, and Roasted Cherry Tomatoes

Roasted Potatoes with Chimichurri Sauce & Feta on Skewers

Strawberry Crostini with Goat Cheese, Basil and Honey



Lunch/Dinner Entrée Options
(\$55 / Person Lunch - \$80 / Person Dinner)

Starter Salad (choose one):

Strawberry Balsamic Vinaigrette Salad

Caprese Salad

Cesar Salad

Garden Salad with grapefruit, seasonal vegetables and raspberry dressing

Entrée (choose two entrées plus one vegetarian dish):

Chicken Picatta

Baked Stuffed Lemon Cod/Halibut

Beef Tenderloin

Stuffed Peppers

Salmon with Lemon & Capers

Eggplant Rollatini over Penne Pasta

Spinach and Artichoke Stuffed Spaghetti Squash

Penne Pasta

Pasta Primavera

- Mixed greens with seasonal vegetable medley are included with all entrées

Dessert Options (Included with Dinner Entrée)

Choose One

Carrot Cake, Red Velvet Cake, Mini Apple Rose Tartlets, Elderflower Liqueur Poached Pear with Mascarpone, Oreo Cheesecake, Nutella Cheesecake

Complimentary Coffee/Tea Station



**DRAKE
DESIGN
STUDIO**
14 Kipswood Place, Suite 303
Bristol, RI 02809
Tel: 401-338-4300

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22 June, 2007
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
101 Ferry Road
Bristol, RI
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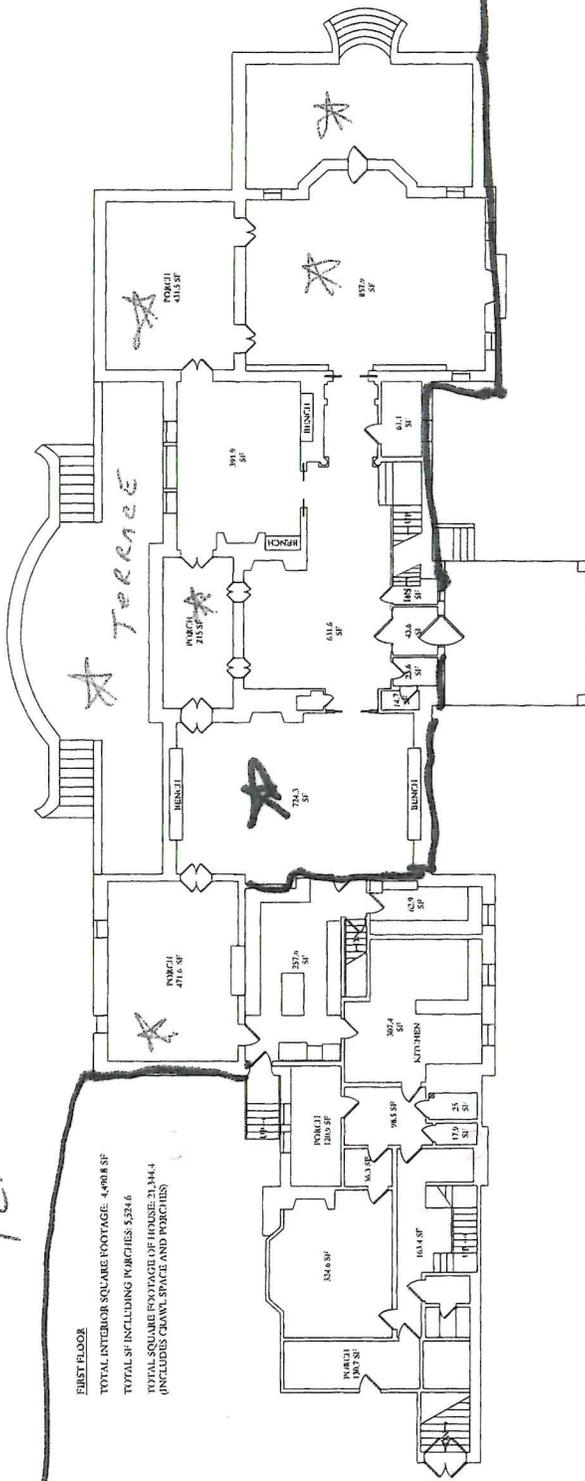
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* Areas where liquor will be served and consumed

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Pavillion

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FIRST FLOOR
TOTAL INTERIOR SQUARE FOOTAGE: 4,900.8 SF
TOTAL SF INCLUDING PORCHES: 5,224.6
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF HOUSE: 21,344.4
(INCLUDES CRAWL SPACE AND PORCHES)

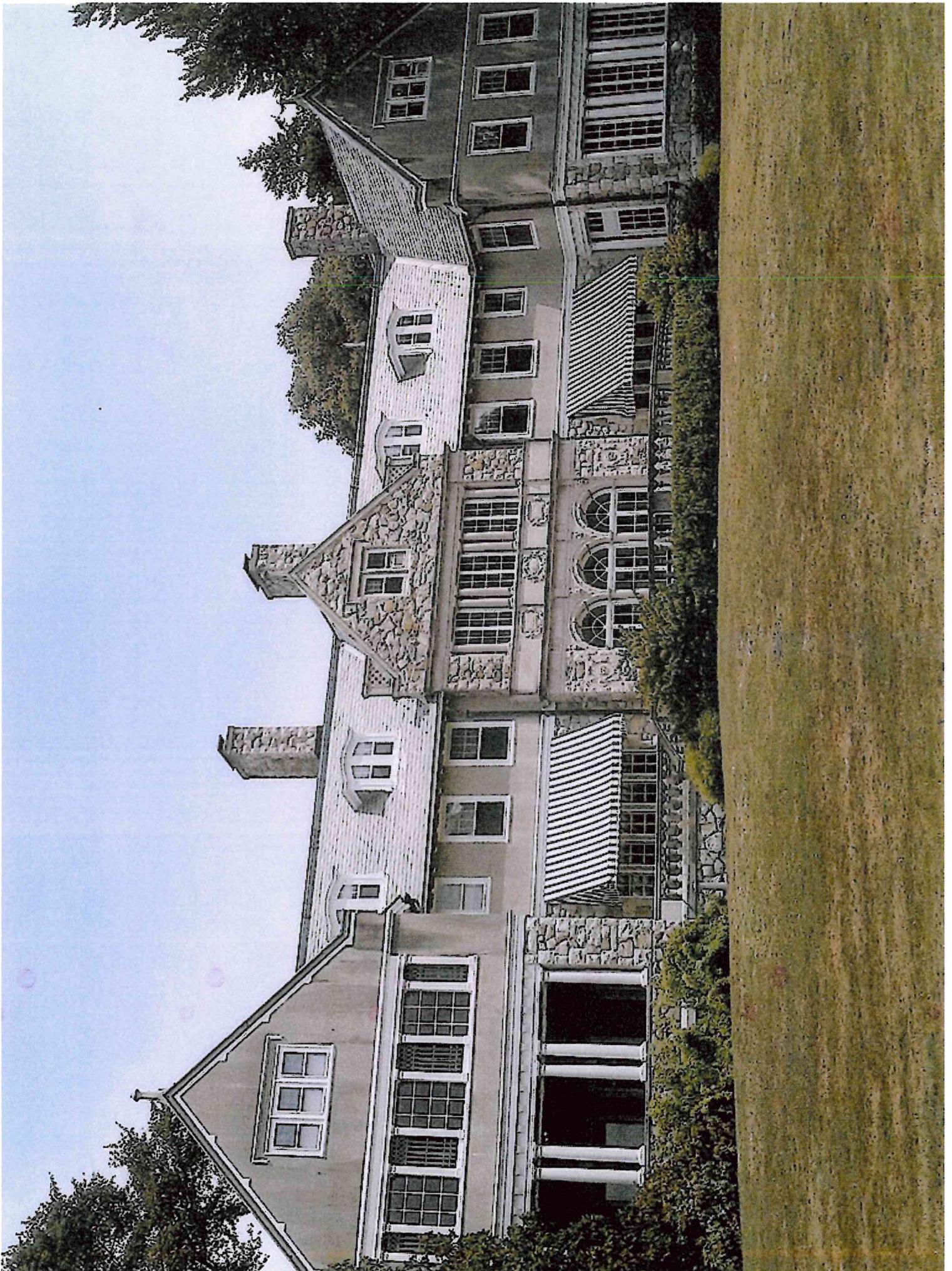
Entertainment:
• Indoor spaces
• Terrace
• Lawn - Tented Pavilion

1 FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"













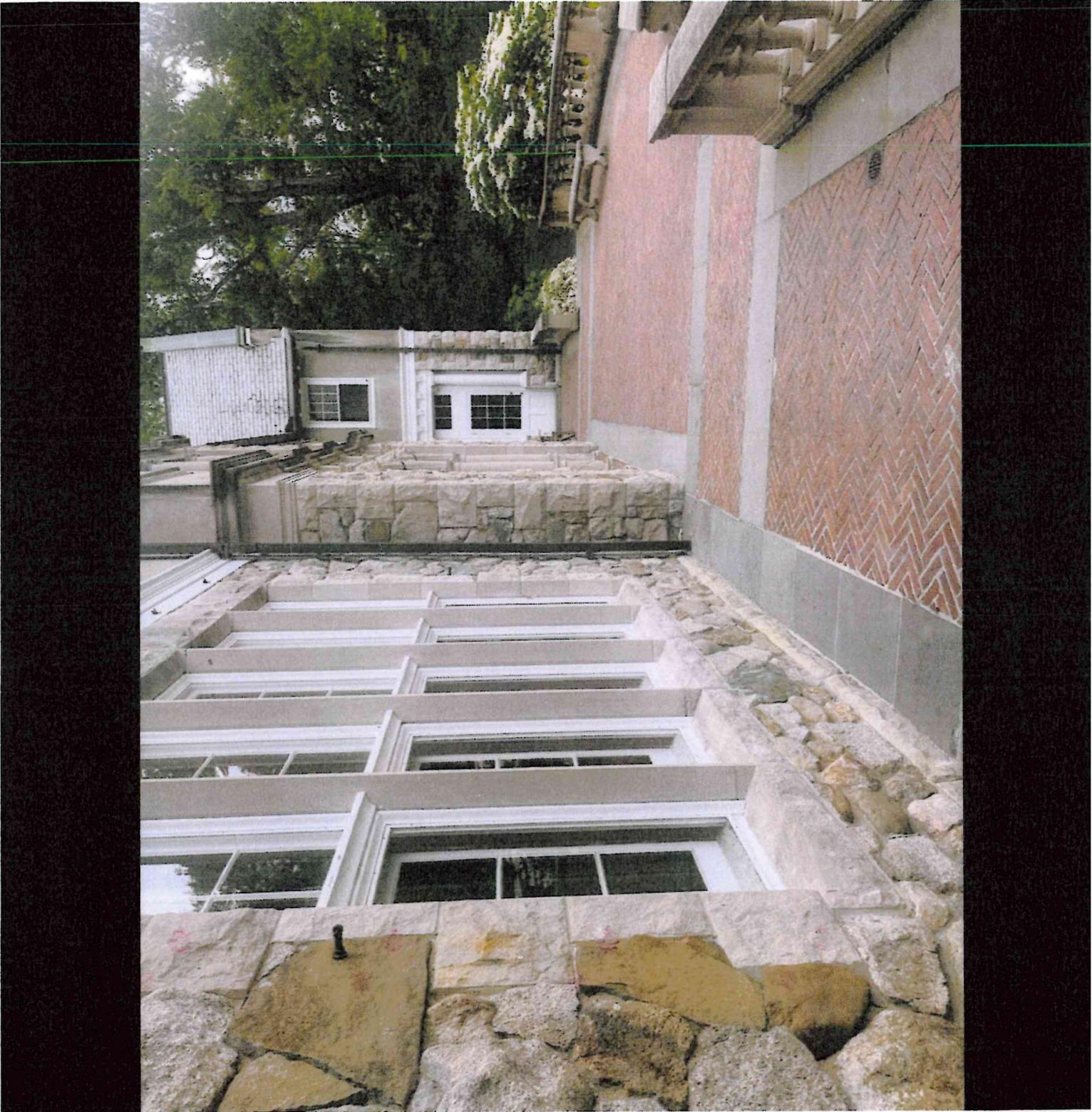
















TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

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Email: Mcordeiro@bristolri.gov

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
TOWN CLERK

DATE: February 5, 2026

RE: Executive Director, Karen Binder, Blithewold Inc,
101 Ferry Road - Request for One Additional Class
BV Liquor License

May we please have your recommendation or the recommendation of the department head you deem appropriate in order for the Council to review the request at the Town Council Meeting to be held on **February 18, 2026**.

All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office by Wednesday, February 11, 2026. All and any items received after the deadline will be held until the next council agenda.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.

Attachments