



## Town of Bristol, RI

### Tax Assessor / Collectors Office

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**DATE:** March 3, 2026

**TO:** Steven Contente, Town Administrator

**FROM:** Kristopher Leadem, Tax Assessor/Collector

**RE: HERRESHOFF MARINE MUSEUM CRMC APPLICATION  
PROPOSAL**

I'm writing to share my recommendation regarding the CRMC application for the proposed marina development.

The parcels involved—Plat 16, Lots 31, 41, 43, and 44—are owned by the Herreshoff Marine Museum and currently hold tax-exempt status. However, because the proposed marina appears to be a commercial, income-producing venture, it may no longer meet the requirements for that exemption. According to RIGL 44-3-3, exemptions are typically reserved for property used exclusively for a museum's educational mission.

Since this project seems to shift the use of these lots toward commercial activity, I recommend that the Solicitor's Office review the proposal. I would appreciate a formal opinion on whether this change in use disqualifies these specific parcels from their current tax-exempt status.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

*Steven Contente*  
STEVEN CONTENTE  
Town Administrator

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