



PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol:

The undersigned hereby respectfully requested of your Honorable Body that:

TOWN CLERK
BRISTOL, RI 02809
2025 FEB -5 11:00:09

PLEASE NOTE:

Petition must be returned by 4:00 PM, two (2) Fridays prior to the Town Council meeting to appear on the docket of the 3/11/2026 meeting for review and possible action. It is Council policy that action may not be taken on petitions unless recommendations, if necessary, from appropriate departments are received prior to the Council meeting.

DATE RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____

JASON PAGANELLI

ADDRESS: _____

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in my capacity as Race Director for the 2026 Colt State Park Half Marathon, scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 2026.

The Town of Bristol and the Bristol Police Department have consistently been outstanding partners in the successful execution of this event, and we are sincerely grateful for the continued support that allows us to host this race in Bristol, Rhode Island. With that in mind, we respectfully request permission from the Town of Bristol to host the 2026 edition of the Colt State Park Half Marathon.

For nearly a decade, we have worked closely with the Bristol Police Department and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and we have consistently been advised that our course design has minimal impact on town roadways. I share this to emphasize that this is not a new event, but one that has been efficiently and responsibly executed year after year. For that reason, we have intentionally kept the course unchanged with respect to its interaction with Town of Bristol roadways.

All parking, restroom facilities, and event-related infrastructure are contained entirely within Colt State Park. As a result, the event's footprint on town property is nearly non-existent, with the sole exception being a portion of Poppasquash Road.

We will once again coordinate with the Bristol Police Department in the weeks leading up to the event to request two police details for the only section of the race that takes place on a public roadway. Specifically, we anticipate requesting one officer at the bike path and Poppasquash Road intersection, and one officer at the S-curve near the Bristol Marina, both to ensure runner and public safety.

We anticipate approximately 450 runners, consistent with the past six years. This is a self-imposed participant cap that we maintain to ensure minimal impact on Colt State Park, surrounding neighborhoods, and town roadways. The race will begin at 8:30 AM, and the course will be fully closed by 12:00 noon.

In addition, we take several proactive steps to ensure there is no lasting impact on the Town:

- We conduct a full course sweep on the Monday following the event to ensure all roadways and surrounding areas are completely cleaned and returned to their original condition.
- We work closely with Colt State Park staff to minimize traffic impacts and to ensure that residents maintain access to their homes throughout the event should it be needed.
- We place advance signage along Poppasquash Road beginning the Monday or Tuesday prior to race day to notify residents and local traffic that runners will be present on Sunday morning.

We would be happy to attend a Town Council meeting to answer any questions or address any concerns regarding the event. Thank you again for your continued support of this race and for your role in helping grow a strong, active-living community here in Bristol. We are excited to once again bring this championship-level event to the town.

Please see the attached course map for reference.

Sincerely,

Jason Paganelli

President

True North Running Company

Running events, powered by experience & passion.

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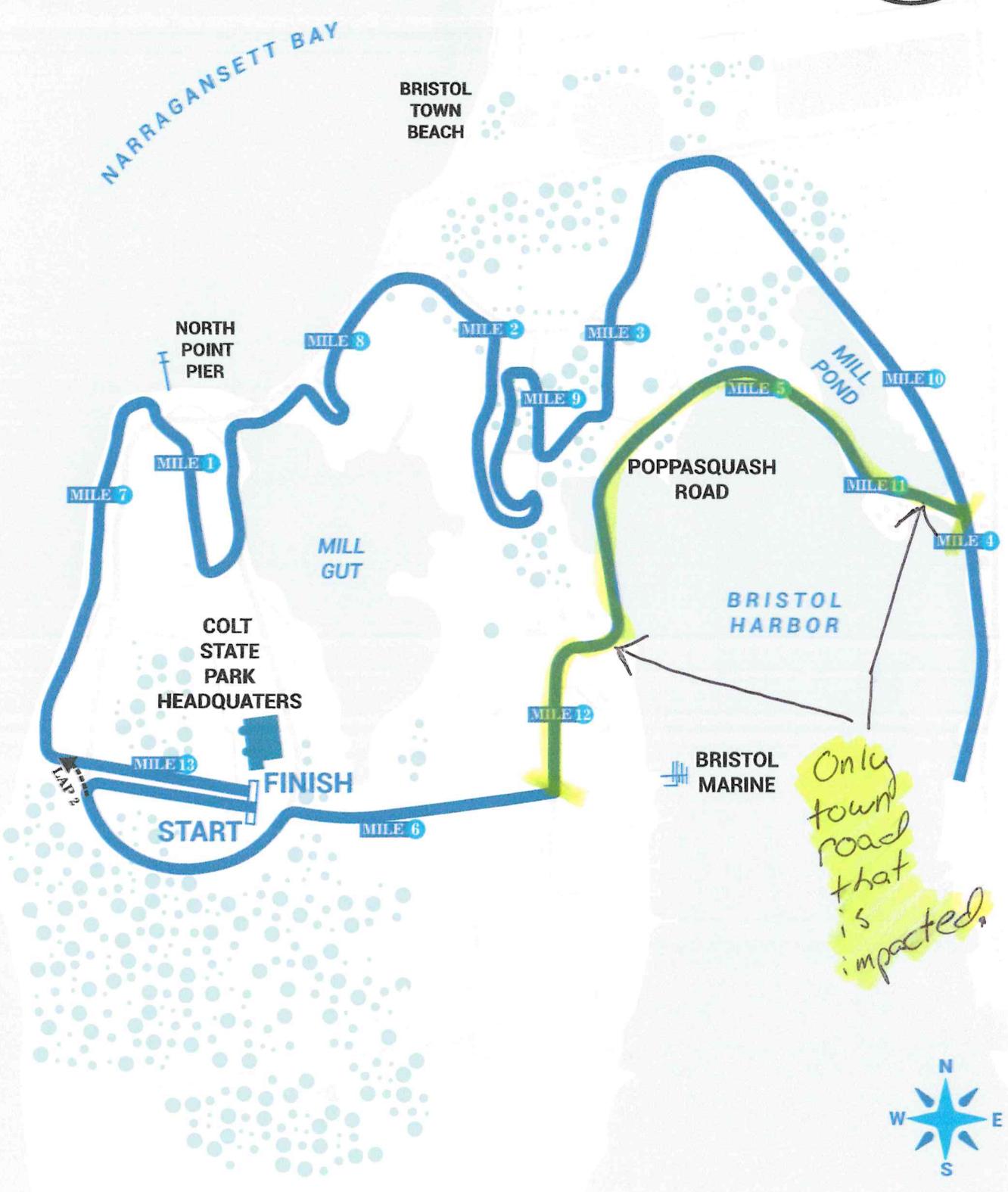
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Colt State Park Half Marathon





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
TOWN CLERK

DATE: February 6, 2026

RE: Jason Paganelli, True North Running Company,
regarding the 2026 Colt State Park Half Marathon
on November 1st, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM -
portion of the race is on public roadway



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 **March 11, 2026**.

All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office by Wednesday, March 4, 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