



# 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:

To: The Honorable Town Council of Bristol:

From: Stephan Brigidi, Committee Member  
Bristol Middle Passage Port Markers Committee

Re: Request to be placed on the agenda of the Sept. <sup>21</sup>14<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

Since last meeting with you some months ago, our group has been working hard and fast in researching the best solution for a location of a marker-memorial to acknowledge Bristol's role in the Middle Passage Slave Trade history. We have conferred with some town officials and done our due diligence in selecting a site that is publicly favorable to our citizens, while being visible and not intrusive, nor present any encumbrance upon an existing memorial or public walkway. We have held one public meeting seeking input and have another scheduled for Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> for additional comments. We are now looking to receive your approval of our proposed site at Independence Park, which is the preferred location in consultation with local residents. We believe the area selected in the NW portion of the park would be the ideal location. This memorial would join two other significant memorials that already exist within the park, and be independent from them.

The spirit and intent of the marker -memorial is to honor the people who were enslaved and related to our area. This is inclusive of people of African descent and the people native to our area, the Wampanoag-Pokanoket tribes. The memorial will reflect the stories of these people and pay homage to their memory. It will also have an educational purpose by briefly informing residents and visitors of this part of Bristol's long history.

We understand that other approvals will be required, possibly a State signoff, also the RI Historic & Preservation Society permission, as well as CRMC approval. We are prepared to do all the necessary steps, including the proposed artwork and structure to be followed and approved by our Historic District Commission. More details will be presented at the Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and open for further discussion with the Council and Bristol's citizens.

Thank you for allowing us to return to you with a chosen site in mind as you requested from our March meeting.

## PLEASE NOTE:

Petition must be returned by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays prior to the Town Council meeting to appear on the docket of the

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 the Council meeting.

## DATE REC'D:

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