



BRISTOL PLANNING BOARD
FEBRUARY 12, 2026 MINUTES

TOWN HALL
10 COURT ST.
BRISTOL, RI 02809
401-253-7000

Held: February 12, 2026 in person

Location: Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI

Present: Steve Katz, Secretary; Member Brian W. Clark; Member Richard Ruggiero; First Alternate Member Michael Sousa; and Second Alternate Member Jessalyn Jarest

Also Present: Ed Tanner, Principal Planner; and Andrew M. Teitz, Esq., Town Solicitor

Not Present: Charles Millard, Chairman; Anthony D. Murgo, Vice Chairman; Diane Williamson, Director of Community Development; and Amy Goins, Esq., Assistant Town Solicitor

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Katz, Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2026

A motion was made by (Clark/Katz) accept the January 8, 2026 meeting
In favor: Clark, Katz, Ruggiero, Sousa, and Jarest
Refrained: None
Opposed: None

C. New Business

The following item will be continued to March 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Colt School Auditorium, 570 Hope Street, Bristol, RI.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY. THE ONLY ACTION WILL BE TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

- C1. Public Hearing and Consider Action on Master Plan phase for Major Land Development of the Comfort Inn and Suites** – continued from January 8, 2026 - proposal to build an 80-room hotel. Property on south side of Gooding Avenue approximately 50 feet east of the intersection of **Gooding Avenue and Broadcommon Road, near utility pole #218**. Owner: D & M Boca Development, LLC Zoned: GB. Assessor's Plat 111 Lot 1

Katherine Norman, Esquire appeared on behalf of the applicant.

Attorney Norman, on behalf of the applicant, made a formal request for a continuance to the date certain on March 5, 2026 at 7:00p.m. in the Colt School Auditorium at 570 Hope Street.

Member Clark asked if there had been a discussion about scheduling the March 5, 2026 meeting at an earlier time or was it already advertised as starting at 7:00p.m. Member Katz stated that it was advertised to start at 7:00p.m. Attorney Teitz stated that the word had gone out that the meeting was to start at 7:00p.m. Member Clark just wanted clarification as the discussion of possibly starting at 6:00p.m. in anticipation of longer meetings was had. Member Ruggiero wanted the Board to make sure that the sound system at the Colt School be clear and operational so everyone could be heard clearly. Member Katz said that Colt School did have a good system as meetings had been held there before. Member Ruggiero stated it was important as there were a number of difficulties at the last meeting at Town Hall where people couldn't hear people speaking. Member Katz said that it would be taken care of for the benefit of everyone involved. Ed Tanner stated that the School Department custodial staff would be in attendance so they would make sure the system was operational.

A motion was made by (Clark/Sousa) to continue said application to March 5, 2026
In favor: Sousa, Jarest, Ruggiero, Clark, and Katz
Refrained: None
Opposed: None

D. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm by Sousa

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen M. Maynard, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 5 March 2026 Planning Board: 