



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:

*Karen Binder*

NAME:

*Karen Binder*

ADDRESS:

*11 Pol St*

TOWN:

*BRISTOL RI 02809*

DATE OF BIRTH:

*05/22/1969*

BUSINESS TELEPHONE #:

*401-253-2707*

HOME TELEPHONE #:

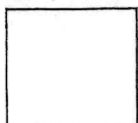
*401-374-2099*

Date Received:

EMAIL:

*Kbinder@blithewold.org*

TAX STAMP



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 9:52  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

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

Phone Number of Business

blithewold.org

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:

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

State amount of capital invested in the business?

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 B*

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

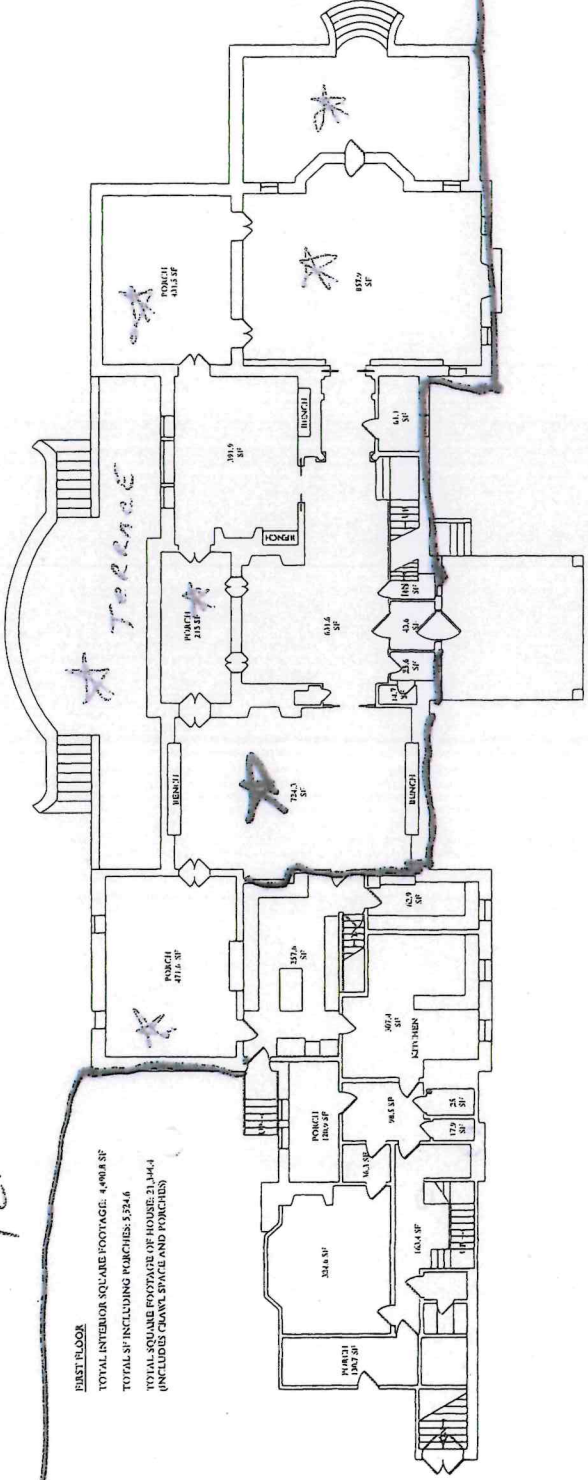
Signature of Transferee (New Owner)

Date

\* Areas where liquor will be served and consumed

LAWNS  
TENTED pavilion  
LAWNS

FIRST FLOOR  
TOTAL INTERIOR SQUARE FOOTAGE: 4,908 SF  
TOTAL SF INCLUDING PORCHES: 5,324 SF  
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF HOUSE: 11,144 SF  
(INCLUDES CRAWL SPACE AND PORCHES)



Entertainment:  
• Indoor spaces  
• Terrace  
• Lawn  
• Tented pavilion

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



DRAKE  
DESIGN  
STUDIO  
1150 Main Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
401-845-4100

FOR PRICING PURPOSES  
ONLY  
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

BLITHEWOLD  
22 June, 2007  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
101 Ferry Road  
Bristol, RI  
scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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## 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**
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**We are closed on July 4, November 26, December 24, and December 25.**



**Blithewold**

KITCHEN

**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:**

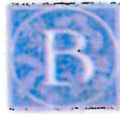
- **\$1500 for up to 50 guests**
- **\$3000 for up to 100 guests**

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



# Blithewold

MANOR • GARDENS • ARBORETUM

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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

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## Beer Selection

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

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## Non-Alcoholic

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



# *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*



## 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



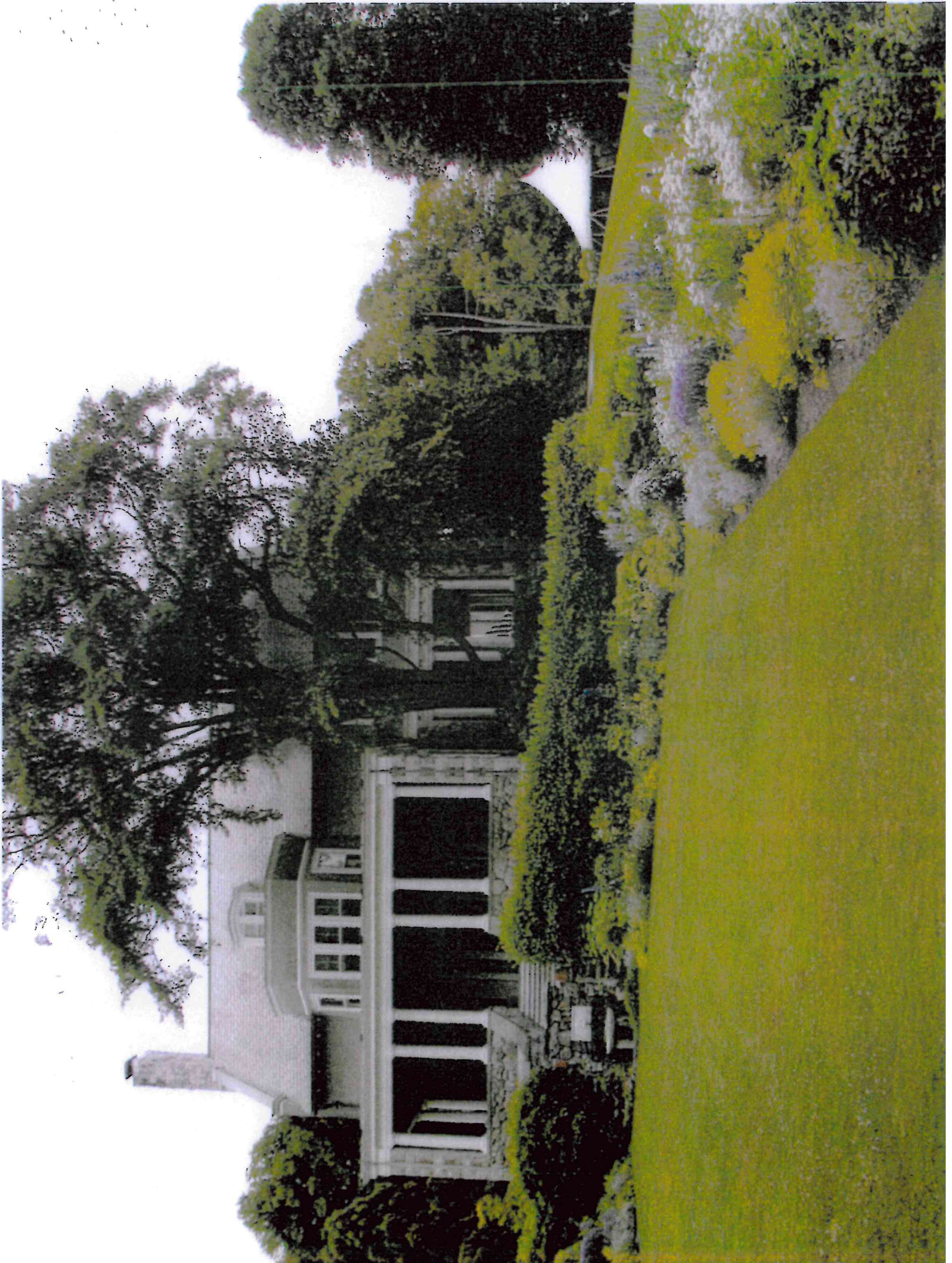
























TOWN OF BRISTOL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
INTOXICATING BEVERAGE LICENSE  
CLASS BVL (LIMITED)

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**d/b/a BLITHEWOLD MANOR GARDEN ARBORETUM**  
**KAREN BINDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**101 FERRY ROAD, BRISTOL**

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By Order of the Town Council

Melissa Cordeiro  
COUNCIL CLERK

March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

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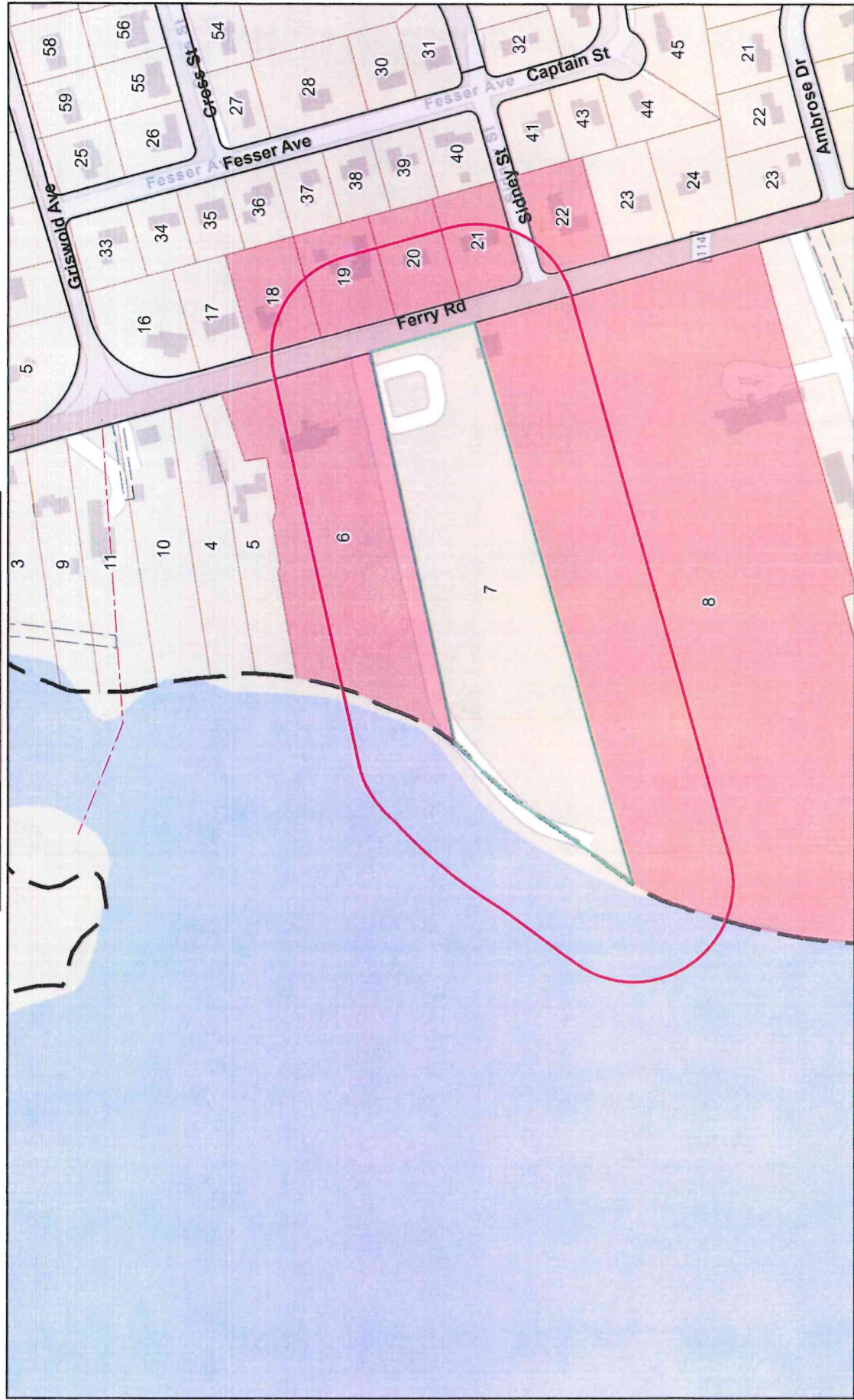
March 2, 2026

Town of Bristol, RI

1 inch = 282 Feet



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# 200 feet Abutters List Report

Bristol, RI  
March 05, 2026

## Subject Properties:

Parcel Number: 165-7  
CAMA Number: 165-7  
Property Address: 101 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: BLITHWOLD INC.  
101 FERRY RD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

Parcel Number: 165-7  
CAMA Number: 165-7-001  
Property Address: 111 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: BLITHEWOLD MANSION GARDENS &  
HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
101 FERRY ROAD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

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## Abutters:

Parcel Number: 163-18  
CAMA Number: 163-18  
Property Address: 120 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: SIMANSKI, MERSINA  
195 COLONIAL DR  
TIVERTON, RI 02878

Parcel Number: 163-19  
CAMA Number: 163-19  
Property Address: 114 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: TENTE, WILLIAM E & DONNA M TE  
114 FERRY RD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

Parcel Number: 163-20  
CAMA Number: 163-20  
Property Address: 110 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: WORCESTER, CHARLES W & BARBARA  
S TRUSTEES  
110 FERRY RD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

Parcel Number: 163-21  
CAMA Number: 163-21  
Property Address: 106 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: PERRY, JOSEPH A JR JOA  
106 FERRY RD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

Parcel Number: 163-22  
CAMA Number: 163-22  
Property Address: 104 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: KHOURY, RAMSEY G. & BROWN, GRACE  
104 FERRY RD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

Parcel Number: 165-6  
CAMA Number: 165-6  
Property Address: 131 FERRY RD

Mailing Address: PAYSON, RAYMOND P. TRUSTEE (50%)  
& BLOUNT, MARCIA L. TRUSTEE (50%)  
131 FERRY RD  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

Parcel Number: 165-8  
CAMA Number: 165-8  
Property Address: FERRY RD

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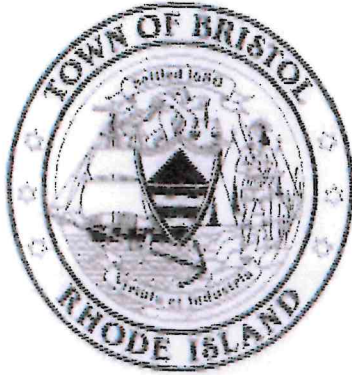
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Bristol, RI 02809



**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**  
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

10 Court Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
Tel. 401-253-7000  
Fax. 401-253-2647  
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

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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



# Bristol Police Department

395 METACOM AVENUE BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND 02809  
TELEPHONE (401) 253-6900



KEVIN M. LYNCH  
Chief of Police

## BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT PETITION REVIEW FORM

DATE FILED: 2/9/26

**PETITION DESCRIPTION:**

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

PERSON/S FILING PETITION: Karen Binder

LICENSE RENEWAL       NEW PETITION

**REVIEW:**

- APPROVED
- CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
- DENIED
- FORWARD TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
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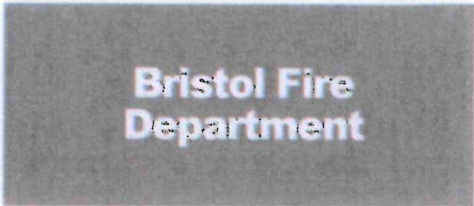
**NOTES:**

After Reviewing this petition, I found no reason to deny the petitioner's request, provided that all guidelines set forth by the application, and all Laws and Ordinances governing this practice are followed. I recommend a 6 month review.

REVIEWING OFFICER: Lt. Medeiros

DATE COMPLETED: 2/9/26

*Steven Contente*  
STEVEN CONTENTE  
Town Administrator



# Inter Office Memorandum

**To:** Steven Contente, Town Administrator  
**From:** Michael DeMello, Fire Chief  
**cc:** File  
**Date:** February 8, 2026  
**Re:** License Recommendation, February 18 Council Meeting

2026 FEB -9 AM 10: 26  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

The fire department has reviewed the license request presented as follows:

- 1. BV Liquor License  
Karen Binder, Executive Director for Blithewold Inc.  
101 Ferry Rd.

There is no objection to the granting of said license provided the applicant is compliant with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, and/or other compliancy requirements.

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STEVEN CONTENTE  
Town Administrator



# Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Department of Community Development

10 Court Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
[www.bristolri.us](http://www.bristolri.us)  
401-253-7000

*Diane W*

February 11, 2026

TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator  
FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director of Community Development  
RE: Blithewold, Inc. Liquor License

I have reviewed the above petition and have no objections to the request.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
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*Steven Contente*  
STEVEN CONTENTE  
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